THE WEATHER.

Fair Sunday, colder in east, high west to northwest winds; Monday fair.

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ADVERTISING.

What would this city be like without its stores? What would this newspaper be like without its store-ads? One would be about as interesting as the other.

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WHITE CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON

Ground Laid With Mantle of Snow and All Greatly Enjoyed It.

SANTA VISITED WHITE HOUSE

All Members of President Taft's Family Received Presents—Chief Executive Question of What is Whiskey—Decision Soon.

Washington, Dec. 25.—From the President of the Nation to the humblest resident, the citizens of Washington enjoyed one feature of this holiday in common—a glorious white Christmas.

With the first light of dawn today came the falling of big white snow flakes and by the time most of the people of the city were astir the surface of the ground was covered to a depth of half an inch or more with a carpet of snow.

President Taft and his family spent Christmas in no different manner from that of thousands of others. Charley, the youngest member of the President's household, was the busiest person at the White House. The gifts which rewarded his early and rapid dash for his stocking today were numerous and as varied as his childish tastes.

Gifts to all members of the family were in profusion. Robert Taft and Miss Helen were both at home and the President spent the greater part of his day surrounded by his family. There were no formalities. Later in the day the President went to the executive offices and put in some time with official duties. He evidently did not consider it a desecration of the holiday to dispose of some accumulated work.

President Taft remained in-doors all day working on the problem "What is whiskey?" This mooted question raised by distillers under the pure food act has been pending for some time and the President has determined to settle it as soon as possible. The decision will be announced tomorrow.

Vice President and Mrs. Sherman spent the day at their home in Utica. A family gathering was a feature of the day at the home of Secretary Knox.

Secretary Dickinson took his Christmas dinner on board the Mayflower en route to Porto Rico. Secretary Meyer spent the day with his family.

Secretary and Mrs. MacVeagh, Secretary and Mrs. Ballinger and Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham celebrated Christmas here.

At the ambassadorial homes, parties were numerous.

GOLDSBORO'S BRIGHT PROSPECT.

New Year Has in Store Many Good Things—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 25.—This Christmas has found the people of Goldsboro full of energy, blessed with health, buoyant with hope and faith in the possibilities and assured achievements of the coming year. Before the new face that is now peering across the threshold of the dying year and will soon be rung in by the midnight bells, shall have come in turn to his bier, Goldsboro will have completed its paved streets and sidewalks; its street car line will be completed throughout the length of our city, and a gas plant of modern equipments and pipes throughout the city, and, too, among other prideful consummations, means yet a Greater Goldsboro for 1910.

Through the repeated whinings and scratching on the fence at her home a faithful little pet dog, and whose peculiar actions attracted passers-by, the dead body of Mrs. Ann Eliza Rackley, an aged widow residing in Grantham township, was found in her home Friday night by neighbotrs. The old lady had no relatives and lived alone and it was thought by some that she met death through foul play.

The death of Mr. E. K. Holloman occurred Thursday night at his home on Oak street, after a protracted illness. The funeral was held this afternoon at the old family burying ground of the Providence section.

HORRIBLE CHRISTMAS MURDER.

Man Brutally Slain While Nearing Home With Children's Presents.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 25.—Closely following the fatal wounding of Wesley Russell, a mill worker, J. E. Liddell, a real estate promoter, last night was slain almost on the same spot where Russel was struck down. Liddel's body was found almost covered with snow late at night. The body was lying within sight of his home, and a terrible gash in the head, apparently made with an axe, told the story of a violent death.

Liddel, who lives on the outskirts of the city had been shopping and had started for home. Scattered all about the body were the toys he had bought for his children.

Thursday night Russell was found unconscious with four gashes in his head. He died last night. The police authorities are investigating both crimes.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN ON DRAINAGE

Inspects State Work in Florida Though Not Unwell to Speak—Leaves for Cuba and Jamaica to Join Family.

Library of Congress

Miami, Fla., Dec. 25.—Wm. Jennings Bryan, who is en route to Cuba and South American points, stopped at Fort Lauderdale today to inspect the State drainage work, in company with former Governors Jennings and Broward.

Mr. Bryan was scheduled to deliver a lecture here tonight but was forced to cancel the engagement on account of his condition. He made a brief talk, however, at the auditorium.

Mr. Bryan coughed at close intervals during his talk. Speaking of the State drainage work, he said:

"I believe the people of Florida will have a very large and productive area of land in the Everglades." He said he had watched the progress of the work of reclamation of this vast area very closely.

Mr. Bryan will leave tomorrow for Cuba, thence to Jamaica where he will join Mrs. Bryan and daughters. His present trip calls for a tend days' stay in Colon, a trip through Peru, Chili, Argentine, Barzil, Venezuela and Porto Rico, returning to his home at Lincoln, Neb., May 1st next.

GOMPERS IN REPLY.

Criticizes Court and Attacks Mr. Taft's Message.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, publishes a vigorous editorial this month in the Federationist, the official organ of the labor body, criticising both the action of the District Supreme Court and the recommendation in President Taft's message to Congress with reference to the necessity for notice and hearing before injunction writs are granted.

Both the action of the court and the recommendation of the President are condemned, the former on the ground that it was without sanction of the law and the latter for the alleged reason that the President did not advocate anything that could be attached to an existing law or modify it.

After sketching the appeal for writ of certiorari in order to review the prison sentence imposed on Gompers, Morrison, and Mitchell, and which was granted by the Supreme Court, and the opinion of Justice Shepard, of the District Supreme Court, Mr. Gompers says:

"How any intelligent man can read these documents without being inspired by the liveliest hope for the success of labor's cause, it is difficult to see. The clearer the whole matter is placed before the reasonable mind, without the lesser and irrelevant points with which our opponents' arguments bristle, the plainer is the way seen to a just judgment."

Referring to President Taft's recommendation, Mr. Gompers declares it proposes no improvement on existing law because, he alleges, no such law exists, and that the improvement would be to legalize "practice." This "practice," he continues, is not statute law, but is entirely judge-made law.

TO SPEND $100,000,000.

United States Steel Corporation to Build New Plants.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—About $100,000,000 is to be expended by the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiary companies in the territory from South Chicago to Gary, Ind., in building new plants and enlarging existing shops during the coming year. E. J. Buffington, president of the Illinois Steel Company, last night confirmed the rumors. Formal announcement of the estimates for the construction of new plants and of the enlarging of existing facilities will be made in due time from the main offices of the United States Steel Corporation, said M. Buffington.

The extensions mean the employment of possibly 5,000 additional men during the coming year. From sources other than President Buffington it is the prognostication that the Illinois Steel Company is to erect eight new blast furnaces at South Chicago and that the Iroquois Steel Company has planned to erect at least one new blast furnace.

MORTGAGE OF $50,000,000.

Filed by the Louisville & Nashville in Favor of U. S. Transit Co.

Beattyville, Ky., Dec. 24.—The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, which recently bought the Louisville & Atlantic line running into the mountains of eastern Kentucky, has filed here a mortgage for $50,000,000 in favor of the United States Trust Company, of New York. The mortgage covers the Louisville & Nashville road and the Atlantic, Knoxville & Cincinnati division of the Louisville & Nashville. It is believed the Louisville & Nashville will make a further extension into the mountain coal fields.

STOLE A LOCOMOTIVE.

Man Who Boarded and Ran It Into Another Believed to be Insane.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Arthur Farrell, believed to be insane, was lodged in jail here tonight, charged with stealing a locomotive from the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company.

Farrell boarded the engine in the Handley yards, threw open the throttle, and was gaining speed, when he crashed into another engine. Though both engines were badly damaged no one was injured.

CITIZEN ZELAYA GRANTED ASYLUM

On Board Mexican Gunboat, Ultimate Destination Is Unknown.

HIS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Mexican Government Anticipates No Trouble With United States for Giving Asylum to Dictator. Made No Protest.

Mexico City., Dec. 25.—Jose Santos Zelaya, as a private citizen, asked and was granted an asylum aboard the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero, according to the officials of the Department of Foreign Relations, here tonight. Knowledge of his ultimate destination or of his plans for the immediate future was denied.

No Conflict Feared.

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—Both Minister Ignacio Mariscal and Secretary Federico Gamboa declared that they anticipated no conflict with the State Department at Washington as a result of having permitted Zelaya to go aboard the Mexican warship. No official opposition to such a proceeding, they asserted, had been made to this government and in the absence of any objection the act was such as any nation would have performed and under like circumstances.

Zelaya took advantage of the presence of the Guerro in Nicaraguan waters; asked this government through out minister at Managua, Bartolome Carbajal, for asylum aboard the Guerrero, and we granted it." said Senor Mariscal.

Zelaya is a private citizen now since he has resigned the presidency of Nicaragua and as such had a perfect right to make the request. At what port he expects to land or where he intends to go we have not been informed. According to our advices, the United States vessels which were there and could have opposed his embarkation made no effort to do so.

"The United States government, which is a prudent government, cannot object to our course and we do not expect that it will."

Mr. Mariscal reiterated his previous disclaimer of intention to take Zelaya aboard when the Guerrero went to Corinto and said that it was "only within a day or two that he had asked to be allowed to board the vessel."

Under the cover of darkness Thursday morning Zelaya accompanied by a heavily armed guard, proceeded to Corinto, in which port the Mexican warship had been lying for several days close to the United States protected cruiser Albany. Other American warships swung at anchor in the harbor, with marines aboard, lazily awaiting instructions.

Zelaya's coming unheralded, but a guard from the Guerrero received him and soon he was safe under the protection of the Mexican flag. The Mexican warship sailed at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. A salute of 13 guns was fired from the shore and hundreds of soldiers and citizens waved the former dictator a farewell. Zelaya stood alone and waved back in answer. He uncovered when abreast of the Albany, but the American cruiser made no response.

Shortly before the arrival of Zelaya at Corinto, the United States gunboat Princeton got up steam and proceeded for San Juan del Sur.

The rumor spread that the Prince ton intended to watch the movements of the Mexican gunboat, but she proceeded directly down the coast and her arrival at her destination was later reported, greatly relieving the anxiety of the Zelaya adherents.

Zelaya was entertained at luncheon at Corinto by the commandant of the port. There was an informal discussion of the battle of Rama.

Zelaya expressed the fear that President Madriz would not be able to cope with the situation. He said that the army of the government had been reduced to skeletons by privations due to the failure of the new administration to forward rations and he was glad that the army had surrendered as a great loss of life was thus averted.

At 2:30 in the afternoon the ex-president was taken off on a launch and put aboard the Mexican warship without the slightest opposition from the American ships. Until the General Guerrero steamed away there was great apprehension on the part of Zelaya that the United States would oppose his departure.

Managuans in general were vastly relieved when they learned that Zelaya had gone and President Madriz has already begun his promised work of reform.

All reports that Madriz intends to resign the presidency are without a shred of truth. He is willing to face the dangers, he announces, in order to save the country.

News of the overwhelming victory won by General Estrada at Rama has now reached the ears of all in Managua.

AFTER DEAD SENATOR'S SHOES.

Vardaman and Other Candidates Enter in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 25.—Formal announcements were made today that C. H. Alexander, former Governor J. K. Vardaman and Congressman F. S. Candler, Jr., will be candidates for the unexpired term of the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin.

CREATED PANIC IN A DREAM

Woman Aroused Flat Tenants and Called Out Fire Engines—Walked From Floor to Floor Shouting Alarm.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Influenced by a dream, in which it seemed that the interior of her apartment was in flames, Mrs. Emilie Sharpe arose from her bed early this morning and created a panic by arousing the inmates of the building and summoning the fire department.

Sound asleep, she went through all of the terror incident to a furious blaze ,and with courage of a heroic order and abandoned her own safety in her efforts to arouse others. She first groped her way to the telephone and gave the alarm. Then she ran through dream fire to the front door. Clad only in her night dress she proceeded to the various apartments, awakening everybody. She had reached the third floor of the building when she suddenly awoke. Outside the clang of fire engines was heard and in a moment the firemen rushed up stairs. Finding herself standing in the hall scantily clad, with the firemen gazing at her in amazement, Mrs. Sharpe promptly fainted. She was taken to her apartment and put to bed.

"I really do not know just how to explan it," said Mrs. Sharpe. "I have been studying and writing rather hard of late, and I suppose that the dream resulted from a neurotic condition induced by overwork.

"I have a dim recollection of seeing the firemen coming up the stairs, and then all became a blank. I am awfully sorry that I caused every one so much trouble. I feel that I owe the Chicago fire department an apology."

SAVANNAH MISREPRESENTED

Mayor Tiedeman Corrects Exaggerated Statements of Correspondents.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—Mayor George W. Tiedeman, of Savannah, takes exception to the accounts of the recent triple murder in that city, as sent out by Savannah correspondents of out of town papers. He claims that the stories of the excitement the night of the murder, while the hunt for the slayer was in progress were exaggerated. He declares that there were only four arrests for the crime, that three of these were white, that no heavily armed men assisted the police, that no handbills were printed describing the murder, that no negroes asked to be locked up for protection, that no innocent men were attacked, that no doors were broken open or fences leveled, that he as mayor never suppressed or attempted to suppress an edition of a paper. The mayor adds:

"These statements do a grave injustice to the citizens of Savannah, who displayed a regard for law under the extraordinary circumstances that reflected credit upon the community."

FOUND DEAD IN STREET.

Negro Man on Whom Foul Blow Had Been Dealt.

Washington, N. C., Dec. 25.—Thomas Eborn, colored, was found dead in the town of Belhaven this morning, in front of the manufacturing plant of the Interstate Cooperage Company. There were slight evidences of foul play, and Eborn was known to have had some trouble yesterday with parties in Washington county, near the town of Caswell, after which he came to Belhaven on the afternoon train, and evidently died soon after arrival at Belhaven. At the time of this report no examination had been made, but it was generally thought that his death was the result of a blow on the head with a blunt instrument. Coroner Joshua Tayloe, of this city, was summond and left for Belhaven today to investigate the affair.

DOAN-EVANS PRIZE FIGHT.

Evans' Arm Broken in Fifteen-Round Bout.

Savannah, Gr., Dec. 25.—Johnny Dohan, of Brooklyn, won the decision over young Evans, of New York, in a fost 15-round fight here today before a big house. Evans claimed his left arm was broken in the sixth round. He was badly beaten and in distress several times.

OUTLINES.

Zelaya, whilom dictator of Nicaragua, was given asylum on a Mexican warship in Nicaraguan waters. The United States warships made no effort to prevent it, and made no protest and the Mexican government anticipates no conflict with the Washington government over the matter——At Washington yesterday a mantle of snow covered the ground and a quiet Christmas was enjoyed by President Taft with his family. The President studied the question, "What is whiskey?" and will render a decision today.——Hon. W. J. Bryan was at Miami, Fla., yesterday and inspected the drainage of the Everglades——The United States Steel Company is to spend $100,000,000——Five Atlanta banks have reduced their interest rate from 4 to 3 1-2 per cent. on savings.——Sheldon P. Collins, president of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, of New York, died last night at Greenwich, Conn., in ignorance of the fact that detectives were waiting for his survival in order to take him to New York for trial. Collins overdrew his salary, used the company's funds and staved off investigation by loaning money to officials of the State Insurance Department——No New York or other market reports, on account of Christmas.

SWEPT BY SNOW AND FIERCE GALE

New York Had Five-Inch Fall Yesterday and Last Night.

CONDITIONS WERE GENERAL

Snow and Rain as Far South as Mississippi Valley—Telephone and Telegraph Communication Cut Off—Throngs.

New York, Dec. 25.—Whipped by a 48-mile gale from the northeast, a real Christmas snow swept through Greater New York tonight, covering her streets and house tops to a depth of more than five inches. But in the grip of the storm the city is not alone, for snows and rains were falling today almost generally throughout the Mississippi Valley eastward and as far south as Tennessee and North Carolina.

Telephone and telegraph communication was seriously interrupted in this State, in Pennsylvania and Maryland, while street car and suburban traffic in New York City proper was almost stalled. Beginning with a slight fall this morning the storm increased in intensity almost sweeping Broadway bare of its Christmas crowd. Few accidents were reported in spite of the heavy snow after nightfall.

WELDON NEWS.

Personal and General Notes From Halifax County Metropolis.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Weldon, N. C., Dec. 25.—Mr. W. M. Cohen spent a few days in Norfolk this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gowan, of Halifax, were here Tuesday.

Miss Emma Purnell is visiting Miss Eunice Swindell in Raleigh.

Mr. Eugene Daniel is home from Wake Forest College.

Mr. E. H. Smith is home from the University of North Carolina to spend the holidays.

Miss Annie Pierce has returned home from a visit to New York.

Miss Eva Medlin, from the Sarah Leigh Hospital, Norfolk, is here to spend the holidays.

Mr. Terry Brown, of Charlottesville, Va., is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. R. H. Latham.

Miss Virginia Leigh, of Petersburg, is here on a visit to Mrs. Sallie Gooch.

Mrs. B. G. Green, of Warrenton, spent several days here last week.

Mrs. H. H. Howard and Miss Agnes McGee are visiting in Oxford.

Miss Jeannette Daniel is here from Hollins Institute to spend the holidays.

Miss Emily Phelps is home from the Hannah Moore College, near Baltimore, to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Phelps.

Mr. Newton Shepherd came home from Oxford to spend the holidays.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. D. B. Zollicoffer, of Enfield, to Miss Julia LeNoir McMillan, of Aberdeen, Miss., on December 30th.

Misses Belle Stainback from Raleigh; Maizie Stainback, from Manry, Va., and Lillie Stainback, from Petersburg, Va., are here to spend the holidays.

Miss Helen Pope is hostess at a house party for the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Pope, on Elm street. The guests are Misses Mary and Lizzie Higgs, of Greenville; Miss Margaret Watkins, of Norfolk; Mr. Berry and Mr. Owen Pope, of Norfolk.

Mr. T. L. World, who worked at the Roanoke Rapids Paper Mills, was found dead at his machine Friday. It is believed death was from heart failure. The report that he had died a violent death by getting both arms caught in the pulp rollers, was incorrect.

The Weldon graded school closed last Friday for the holidays.

SEARCH LIGHT FOR CHURCH

Brooklyn Pastor to Do Away With Bell Ringing.

New York, Dec. 24—To do away with the "old-time" bell ringing, a Brooklyn pastor has conceived the idea of flashing a powerful searchlight from the belfry.

The searchlight will be placed 200 feet from the ground on the spire of the First Reformed Church in Brooklyn. It will throw its rays at the fixed time before the services.

The Rev. James Farrar, pastor of the church, said today that the light would be in place with the beginning of the new year.

"FRAT" HOUSE DESTROYED

Delta Upsilon Lodge at Cornell Burned. Valued at $40,000.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Cornell had another fraternity house fire today which destroyed the Delta Upsilon Lodge, valued at $40,000. The fire is supposed to have been caused by defective wiring. All the students but two were away on Christmas vacation. The Delta Upsilon Fraternity house was three stories high. The first story which is of masonry, will be saved.

The penitentiary officials announce that the sale of the prison farm products this year will aggregate $125,000, and possibly $5,000 more.

NEWS NOTES OF LUMBERTON

Correspondent Takes a Fall Out of Robesonian Over Railroad Controversy—Farmers to Meet. Items Personal and General.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 25.—For some time we have been trying to report truthfully and correctly, in the shortest form possible, items of interest to the readers of The Morning Star. We have tried invariably to report correctly as we saw or heard things. During the past few weeks two or three different writers have seen fit to refer to some of our railroad items in a manner that would seem to indicate that we did not know what we were talking about or did not believe what we were writing.

This correspondent has neither the time nor the capacity for generating hot air if he were so disposed. To be candid, we did not think there was a person in Robeson county who had idle time enough to throw away as much gas as was contained in the last issue of The Robesonian in regard to the railroad question. If the two column article on the front page of the last issue of that paper devoted to the railroad controversy, had been double-leaded—as important matters are often done—no one could have read plainer between the lines. The writer of that artilce, spelling his name with fine letters, must not be very busy, as a busy man could not throw away that much time unless he was being paid for it or expected a job. We suspect it was the latter. But we are of the opinion that it took more than one head to manufacture that article—it was too much of an undertaking for any one man. That much gas would be dangerous for one man to try to carry in his head. The "Lightning Express" referred to will of course—as it should—go by Fayetteville. People having as much time as some writers have, might like to hold the "Lightning Express" over there long enough to send a wireless or two. As a rule people riding on passes can obtain more favors than those paying their way. Lumberton is glad, we presume, to have both the A. C. L. and S. A. L., and it is but natural that Elizabethtown would be glad to have both of these great systems. Why did not the writer say the Coast Line wanted to get into that "peculiar" part of Bladen as well as the Seaboard? Read between the lines.

Superintendent M. G. McKenzie, of the Presbyterian Sunday School, will entertain the school at his residence Monday evening. Several musical selections will be rendered, refreshments will be served and all who attend will be given an enjoyable evening.

Early in January Mr. Geo. G. French expects to begin the erection of a large planing mill in North Lumberton. The mill will be located at the crossing of the V. & C. S. and Elizabeth roads.

Two large windows have been put in the Farmers 'and Merchants' Bank building on the 4th street side which adds much to its appearance and the light furnished the interior will be of much benefit to the clerical force.

There was a lively time for a few minutes in the postoffice one morning this week. One of the clerks or the janitor threw a scuttle of coal in the stove, and immediately there was a report from within the stove the scuttle was pierced by a ball from a 38 cartridge, and first assistant Postmaster R. O. Edmund was hidden behind the large iron safe where he remained until the fire had all been removed and the stove cleaned out.

Calvin Faison, colored, who was born and raised near Lumberton, but left this section during the year of the surrender, is spending a few days in this section. Soon after the war was over Calvin went with Messrs. Littleton Gunn, F. M. Wishart and Calvin Barnes, to Black River, S. C., where the three latter engaged in the timber business, Calvin being employed by them. None of them remained long in South Carolina except Faison, who remained there where he married and accumulated considerable property During slavery he belonged to Mrs. Nannie Faison, who died if we mistake not, shortly before the close of the war. Mr. Gunn returned to Lumberton, and soon afterwards went to Texas where he died several years ago. Mr. Wishart was killed by the Robeson county outlaws in 1872, and Mr. Barnes still resides in Lumberton. Faison has no way of telling his age, but of course is well advanced in years.

An unusually large crowd of Christmas shoppers were in town yesterday, but some of the merchants say that trade was not what they expected, while others say they did better than they expected. But the Fall trade throughout has been the best in years, and no one is complaining.

Some one has gotten busy and circulated the report that Sheriff McNeill would not be a candidate for re-election next year. When asked about it, the Sheriff said there was no foundation for the report, and if the people wanted him he would serve. Everybody who knows Sheriff McNeill knows there is no better man in the county, and if the people are not satisfied with his work we are not aware of it.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hoyle, parents of Rev. E. M. Hoyle, expect to move early in the new year to Bladen county, where Mr. Hoyle goes to take charge of the Owen Hill stock and grain farm. They will reside on the farm about eight miles from Elizabethtown. Many friends regret their departure from Lumberton.

Editor J. A. Sharpe, of The Robesonian, left yesterday evening for Williamsburg, S. C., where he goes to spend the holidays with his mother. As has always been the custom, the paper will miss one issue on account

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DEATH PREVENTS SHELDON'S TRIAL

Phoenix Insurance Company President Died Under Detective Surveillance.

RECENT SCANDAL IS REVIVED

Sheldon Overdrew His Salary—Used Company's Funds—Headed Off Investigation by State Insurance Department.

Norwich, Conn., Dec. 25.—George Preston Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, under indictment for grand larceny in connection with financial irregularities in the company recently exposed by the State Insurance Department of New York, died at his home here today.

Mr. Sheldon died ignorant of the fact that detectives were waiting with extradition papers, ready to take him to New York for trial in the event of his ercovey. At the time the affairs of the company were arraigned in a statement by the New York Insurance Department recently, Sheldon lay critically ill of ptomaine poisoning and in view of his condition, details of the investigation and news of his indictment were withheld from him. He never rallied however, and his death occurred today.

Sheldon had been president of the Phenix (fire) Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, for 21 years prior to his removal and was one of the most prominent residents of Greenwich. The report of the investigation made by William H. Hotchkiss, State superintendent of insurance of New York to District Attorney Jerome, of New York, declared that the company had for years evaded an official investigation, at Sheldon's dictation, and that by consent of the directors he had pledged the securities of the company for loans. Sums aggregating $250,000 had been loaned, it was charged, to former officers of the State Insurance Department. Sheldon, it was further alleged, had overdrawn his own salary, and had used the company's funds in speculation.

Sheldon was born in New York 63 years ago.

FIVE JAILED FOR MURDER.

Cal, Enoch, Wesley and Robert Parsons, Locked Up.

Jefferson, S. C., Dec. 24.—Deputy Sheriff B. G. Faw has just delivered over to the authorities five men who are now in jail awaiting trial for the murder of John Testerman last Sunday night in a general drunken fight on Piney Creek, this county. It was thought that Testerman died from poisonous liquor, at first; then came the report that he had been beaten to death, but upon examination it was found that in the fight which was participated in that night that Testerman had been stabbed to the heart and died soon afterwards. The deceased was unconscious, either from pain or intoxication and therefore did not make any explanations after being found by Deputy Sheriff Faw and F. H. Baldwin about 2 o'clock Monday morning.

The five men who were in the crowd when the killing was done, and who are now in jail, are Cal C. Parsons, Enoch Parsons, J. Wesley Parsons and Robert Parsons, all brothers, and Granville Brooks, who was acquitted some years ago when tried for the murder of one Press Kell. All parties deny the murder of Testerman at their hands.

CARDINAL AS SANTA CLAUS.

Supervised Distribution of Good Things to Poor in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—Cardinal Gibbons enacted the role of Santa Claus yesterday morning in supervising the distribution of over 100 baskets, filled to the handles with Christmas food and goodies for the poor of the Cathedral parish. Several days ago tickets were distributed and two hours before the distribution began 50-odd persons stood in line watching for the opening of the doors of the Cardinal's residence.

The distribution started promptly at 11 o'clock. One hundred and ten baskets had been provided and were arranged in the north parlor of the Cardinal's residence, in charge of a committee of young ladies of the Cathedral parish.

During the distribution, which lasted for an hour, the Cardinal visited the room and smiled approvingly upon the work of charity. The baskets and their contents were provided by various members of the Cathedral congregation, who, in turn, were given tickets to be distributed among the worthy poor who came under their notice. Only those who had these tickets were given baskets this morning.

SEVERE STORM IN SAVANNAH.

Ten-Story Building Rocked and Clock Was Stopped.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 25.—At first in gusts, but later a steady blow, wind here tonight reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour. The weather station is in the tenth story of an office building which rocked so much in the wind that the stations clock was stopped.

NEWS NOTES OF LUMBERTON

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of Christmas, therefore, there will be no paper issued on Monday.

There is said to be less fresh pork being brought to this market than ever before at this season. There is plenty of it in the country, but the farmers raising it do not have to sell it and they are keeping it. The time may come within the next two or three years when solid cars of pork will be shipped in here from some of the large packing houses which may be established on some of the proposed new railroads.

Mr. J. P. Stansel, formerly of Lumberton, but now of Wilmington, is spending Christmas here with friends and relatives.

There is much rejoicing among the postoffice and express people over the passing of Christmas. The postoffice force have been kept busy sending and the express people have been kept busy receiving. Nearly all, or at least, the largest portion, came from Richmond.

Among the Lumberton visitors this week were Captain George Shannonhouse, of Richmond, and his brother, Dr. Shannonhouse of Charlotte. They came down to spend a few days hunting. Captain Shannonhouse, who is now the oldest conductor in point of service on the Seaboard, was for several years on the run between Wilmington and Charlotte where he was very popular.

At a meeting held Monday it was decided by the executive committee of the Farmers' Educational-Co-operative Union to have an educational rally some time in January or February, the date to be decided on later. Robeson now has 48 local unions and at the proposed rally it is expected that there will be one of the largest gatherings ever seen in Lumberton. Members of the unions over the county will assist the citizens of Lumberton in giving a big dinner. Governor Kitchin and Congressman Godwin and a Government expert on soil and drainage, will be invited to address the farmers on that day. Everybody will be invited.

We understand that on Monday, December 27th, application will be made to the Secretary of State for a charter for a new railroad to be constructed from Lumberton to Bladen County. No bonds are needed for the proposed new road. Some of the Bladen county taxpayers are more in favor of issuing bonds for good public roads rather than railroads, especially when they can get the railroad without any bond issue. This is the advice given the people of Robeson county by The Robesonian when they were asked to vote for bonds to build Col. Jones' Transcontinental.

Mr. W. S. (Billie) Britt returned last night from Hickory where he attended the marriage of Mr. T. L. Johnson on Wednesday afternoon. Those who attended from here besides Mr. Britt were, Messrs. T. A. McNeill, Jr. and E. J. Britt. Immediately after the ceremony the newly married couple left on a bridal tour of several days which will be spent in the northern cities, returning to Lumberton about January 6th. Mr. Johnson has recently erected an elegant residence on North Main street, and he and Mrs. Johnson will begin housekeeping soon after their arrial here.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

Sons of Erin Applaud Vaudeville Turns in New York.

New York, Dec. 25.—Loyal sons of the Emerald Isle and other sympathizers with the Irish home rule cause packed the New Amsterdam Theatre Tuesday afternoon and vociferously applauded the "turns" of the score or more vaudeville and legitimate actors who contributed their services to the monster benefit arranged in aid of the fund that is being raised here for the Irish Parliamentary party. The affair was also in the nature of a send-off to T. P. O'Connor, M. P., who has been touring the country for nearly two months to raise money for the work he has undertaken in regard to home rule for Ireland. Mr. O'Connor sailed for home Wednesday to take part in the election campaign now on in Great Britain. In addition to Mr. O'Connor those present at the big benefit performance included Archbishop Farley and a number of the most prominent Irish leaders in New York.

MAGAZINE TRUST SURPRISING.

Department of Justice, However, Intends to Investigate Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The dispatch in The Post yesterday, suggesting that a magazine trust is in existence, attracted the attention of officials of the Department of Justice, but when the department closed yesterday no information further than the published declaration of the librarian of the Cleveland, O., public library was before the officials.

One of the officials whose duty it will be to look into this matter, said last evening that this was something new in the trust idea, and that it certainly would receive the careful scrutiny of the law officers of the government when the information is officially brought before the department.

In view of the reduced rates offered for magazine subscriptions in clubs, it was news to officials of the Department of Justice that public libraries, where magazines are subscribed for in large numbers, were denied any reduction in the yearly cost of such publications. According to the official view of the statement made by Librarian Britt, of Cleveland, appears to make out a good case of conspiracy.

SNOW STORM IN VIRGINIA.

Rejoicing on Account of Wheat Crop. Will Benefit Greatly.

Wincestern, Va., Dec. 25.—A heavy snow storm prevails in Virginia, reports received showing that the fall of snow is general from the Potomac river southward to Lexington. The growing wheat crop, which has been suffering from lack of moisture, will benefit greatly by the snow fall.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last Winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Robt. R. Bellamy.

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RAILROAD RECORD-BREAKER.

The Heaviest Christmas in History Taxed Their Facilities.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Never before in the history of the railroads, it is claimed, has there been such a heavy Christmas travel. Railway managers estimate the increase over last year to be between 30 and 40 per cent. So unprecedented has been the movement that it has taxed the railroads to the limit to take care of it. The cold weather and the congestion of other traffic has made it all the more difficult for the railroads to handle the increased travel. The reduced rates which were granted for the holidays, and which took effect today, resulted in a rush of travelers in all directions. The prevailing rates East are one and one-half fares and west they are one-and one-third fares. Today all the first-class passenger trains into Chicago ran in from two to five sections. The 18-hour trains from York ran in three sections. Out of Chicago extra trains were not required, but every train carried extra sleepers.

S. J. FLETCHER DEAD.

Prominent Banker and Millionaire Passes Away Near Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 25.—Stoughton J. Fletcher, several times a millionaire and owner of the Fletcher National Bank of Indianapolis, died today at his country seat near Gallatin, 26 miles northeast of here. Mr. Fletcher was 58 years old. He had for several years been in very bad health and retired from active business. He leaves a son and three daughters, one of the latter being Mrs. Booth Tarkington, wife of the author and playwright.

XMAS AT GOLDSBORO.

No Casualties at Southport—Downpour of Rain During Day.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 25.—Christmas passed off very quietly in this city and vicinity and up to this hour, no casualty has been reported. The day opened very gloomy with a steady downpour of rain, but at noon the clouds disappeared and the remainder of the day passed away with the sun shining and the streets crowded with merry makers.

LIMBS FOR VETERANS.

Unique Bill Introduced in Congress by Mr. Foster.

The market for artificial limbs should take a sharp upward turn. Days of prosperity, of big dividends, of unlimited orders from the government of the United States to be renewed every three years, are awaiting the manufacturers of artificial limbs—provided a bill introduced in the house of representatives by Foster ever survives reference to a committee and hobbles through the two houses of Congress, says the Washington evening Times.

Mr. Foster likes to be up to date. Likewise he likes to see those about him up to date. He is very particular about the lastest fashions. It jars his esthetic sense to see his fellowman behind the times. Wherefore, he is desirous of having crippled veterans of the Civil War not only supplied with artificial limbs, but also desires the limbs to be changed every three years, in order that the veterans may keep pace with fashion and progress.

It was partly because of a natural solicitude for the welfare of the veterans and partly because of his desire to keep pace with fashion and progress that Mr. Foster inrtoduced his bill.

Mr. Foster is aware that the government already makes a practice of furnishing limbs for its old soldiers. He is not satisfied with so meager a form of generosity. His bill provides that every officer, soldier, seaman or marine disabled during the Civil War in consequence of wounds received or disease contracted during the war or since his discharge without any fault of his own, "or from vicious habits contracted at that time," who served for a period of 90 days and was honorably discharged and has been furnished with artificial limbs since June 18th, 1870, shall be entitled to receive from the government free of charge new limbs of the latest style every three years.

Members of congress are more interesting in knowing what sort of artificial limb can be manufactured to remedy "vicious habits contracted at that time" than in any other section of the bill. Mr. Foster has promised to make adequate explanation if the committee on military affairs makes a favorable report on his measure.

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Hamilton Rifles, $1.50.
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THE STEWART CASE.

Petition to Oust Executor in Harnett County Case.

(News and Observer.)

Lillington, Dec. 24.—There was an unusual case in Harnett court today before the clerk. The widow of the late W. A. Stewart, a prominent attorney of this county, and who was killed by the Atlantic Coast Line train at Dunn, N. C., last February, filed a petition before the clerk of court to have H. C. McNeill removed from the office of executor to the will of her husband, alleging incompetency and insolvency and negligence in office. There were a large number of affidavits from several persons living in and around Dunn to sustain the position of the petitioner. It was also shown that H. C. McNeill had been executor to several other wills and that he had not filed accounts as the law requires. The petitioner attempted to show by the records in several cases where the executor had failed to administer trust funds properly.

The respondent denied the allegations in the petition and attempted to show that no funds of the estate of W. A. Stewart had yet been received by him, and therefore could not be guilty of anything which would be a cause for removal.

The case consumed the greater part of the day as there were a large number of affidavits from friends of both sides.

The court asked permission of the counsel to be allowed to reserve its opinion in judgment in the matter until Monday, which was agreed to.

The attorneys for the widow of Stewart were E. F. Young, Col. D. H. McLean, J. B. Shaw and J. R. Baggin. The attorneys for the executor were J. C. Clifford, H. E. Norris, R. L. Godwin and N. A. Townsend.

There is a great deal of interest shown on both sides.

JUDGE BENNETT'S TRIBUTE.

Pays His Respects to Memory of Late Citizen.

(Wadesboro M. & I.)

In the light of our glorious revelation, as democratic as humanity could hope for, the problem of life, beginning in darkness and ending in helplessness, this day comes to us in awful significance.

George Rogers, son of Calvin Rogers, has been committed to his little crib, "After-life's fitful fever."

I can't think of him as dead. George! can't you, whom I have known so long and well, burst the cerements of the tombs and give us pause at death's alarm? Speak out in some sweet message freighted of God.

The good George did in this life is in the keeping of the great I Am. It is too much to repeat what he did and how he did it. His tenderness with friends, his leaning up to those not quite able to take care of themselves; these have again and again quickened the spring of tears in my old, exhausted eyes. No great deeds stand to his credit, but small things, essential to usefulness, adorn his walk through this hard world. Years after years his daily wants crowded close upon the heels of his daily earnings. From November 15, 1845, until a dozen years ago he strove hard to rear his family and maintain a good report.

I have listened to his judgments in litigations, and now, at the portals of his grave, hand on heart, I never saw him miss substantial justice.

Farewell! and if forever may God furlough your soul for the comfort of friends and family.

R. T. BENNETT.

HON. ASHLEY HORNE ILL.

Has Pneumonia at His Home at Clayton, N. C.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

That Hon. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, is ill will be heard with deep concern and regret througout the State. For over a week he has been sick at his home with pneumonia. Last night the news from his family was such that his friends are apprehensive. A telegram during the night said that his condition was unchanged. Mr. Horne is bright and hopeful as to his condition, his fine physique and habits standing him in good stead.

Mr. Horne is one of the State's foremost citizens, having interests in many industrial enterprises in Raleigh, Greensboro, Clayton and other points in the State. His interests, besides his mercantile, farm, cotton mill, bank and other interests at Clayton, are among others in the banking and fertilizer here, in insurance in Greensboro, with a variety of other interests throughout the State. He is one of the men who is making North Carolina grow.

FIRE BUG IN LENOIR.

Reward Offered for Barn Burners—Tobacco Sales at Kinston.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 24.—Assuming that there is no doubt that the fire which destroyed his barn last Saturday night was of incendiary origin, Mr. M. G. Koonce has published an offer of $50 reward for the arest with evidence to convict the party or parties who perpetrated this dastardly crime. It is to be hoped that the criminal will be apprehended.

The report of the secretary of the Kinston Tobacco Board of Trade shows for the season to date of 10,643,293 pounds. For the present month 966,463 pounds have been marketed.

The market will reopen after the holidays and it is expected that there is a large reserve of the weed which is yet to be marketed owing to the very unfavorable season for handling which has prevailed.

Injured by Roman Candle.

Wadesboro M. & I. The six-year-old son of Mr. Henry Allen, of South Wadesboro, was the victim of a peculiar accident Tuesday. The child was shooting a small Roman candle when the fuse apparently went out. He put the lighted end of the candle in his mouth, and just then it went off, badly burning his mouth, throat and tonsils. The boy is badly, but not seriously injured.

Married at Wadesboro.

Messenger and Intelligencer: Mr. A. H. Shooter, night operator at the Seaboard depot, and Miss Annie May Pinkston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pinkston, were married last night. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. M. Mann at the home of the bride's parents.

Farming Some, This.

Tarboro, Dec. 24.—The Battleboro correspondent of The Daily Southerner of this place says: "While our good friend, W. B. Bulluck, has reported an excellent crop on the Cool Spring farm, H. B. Moore, at Old Town, says Mr. Bulluck is not in it; that he has a cropper that has sold $1,500 worth of cotton and peanuts from one mule."

Near-Beer" Cases.

Raleigh, Dec. 24.—The Supreme Court which meets again January 8, has filed several opinions in near-beer cases, and in one, from Union county, everses the court below and holds that a sheriff cannot refuse to issue a license to sell near-beer. In another decision the court has held that a city or town can put any tax desired on near-beer. Some places made this tax $1,000 and others have since the decision increased it to that figure.

Lady Killed by Train.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 24.—Miss Nora Hicks, a lady rural free delivery carrier on one of the routes leading into this county from Cherokee, S. C., was struck by a C., C. & O. train this morning and perhaps fatally injured. Miss Hicks was attempting to cross the track with her horse and buggy when the train bore down upon her, demolishing the buggy and hurling her several feet from the track. She received a severe gash on the head and other more or less serious injuries, the extent of which cannot be learned at this hour. Miss Hicks has held the position of carrier for the past five or six years and is one of the most popular young ladies of the section. She is a sister of Mr. Romeo Hicks of Henrietta and Mr. D. C. Hicks of this city.

COL. HENRY TO ATLANTA.

Versatile Lecturer to Trounce Osler to Georgians.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Col. Walter Richmond Henry has received an invitation from the Alkahest Lyceum System of Atlanta, the largest lecture bureau in the South, to deliver his magnificently illustrated lecture, "Osler's Dead Line of Forty," before the Auditorium lyceum course of that city some time in January. This engagement is arranged and made preliminary to a probable engagement of Col. Henry by the Alkahest System to tour the country. There are 4,000 members of the Atlanta Auditorium lyceum course, who being specially invited by the "Alkahest" to hear this lecture, would insure Col. Henry a brilliant and inspiring audience.

Colonel Henry's lecture, illustrated by nearly 200 reproductions of the greatest art wonders of the European and American galleries, on the night of the 11th of November last, captivated a large and cultured Charlotte audience. Col. Henry's friends predict for him the same triumph and success in the "Gate City." If Col. Henry pleases Atlanta as well as he pleased Charlotte, and of this there is no doubt, the Alkahest Lecture Bureau will secure him by contract at once.

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	Per Gal.	3 Gal.	4 Full Qts.	8 Full Qts.
Eureka Rye,	$2.00	$5.75	$2.20	$4.20
Dan River Rye,	2.25	6.45	2.45	4.75
Grey Goose Rye,	2.50	7.20	2.70	5.25
Satisfaction Rye,	3.00	8.70	3.20	6.25
Old Henry Rye,	3.50	9.50	4.00	7.50
Jefferson Club Rye,	3.50	9.50	4.00	7.50
Greenwood Rye,	4.00	11.40	4.50	8.75
Highepire Rye,	5.00	13.50	6.00	11.00
N. C. Tuckahoe Corn,	2.00	5.75	2.20	4.20
N. C. Swallow Corn,	2.50	7.20	2.70	5.25
Virginia Corn Whiskey,	3.00	8.70	3.20	6.25
Very Old N. C. Corn Whiskey,	3.50	10.00		
Old Burro Corn Whiskey,			4.00	7.75
Swan Gin,	2.25	6.45	2.60	5.00
Holland Gin,	3.00	8.70	3.20	6.25
Apple Brandy,	2.50	7.20	2.70	5.25
Very Old Apple Brandy,	3.50	10.00	3.70	7.25
Peach Brandy,	3.50	10.00	3.70	7.25
McMurro Malt,	3.25	9.25	3.50	6.50

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20 Cases Fancy Candy.
75 Small Cheese.
60 Small Tubs Butter.
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100 Barrels Medium Sized Mullets.
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In Effect Thursday, September 30th 1909.

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WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Lumina at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 A. M., 12:15 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M. 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:35, 8:00 9:25 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE. FRONT AND PRINCESS TO CAROLINA PLACE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess 6:52 A. M., and every 15 minutes thereafter until 10:37 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess 8:22 A. M., and every 15 minutes thereafter until 10:37 P. M.

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NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, New Hanover County. Lena Hill, Thomas Hill and Nancy Wilson, vs. Sarah Hill, Maggie Hill and Josie Hill.

The defendants above named will take notice that a special proceeding, as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of New Hanover County, before the Clerk, for partition and division of a certain parcel of land situate in the City of Wilmington and County of New Hanover, same being the western part of Lot No 5 in Block No. 240, according to the official plan of the said City of Wilmington; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, on the 21st. day of January 1910, at the Court house of said County, and answer the petition of the plaintiffs in said action, or the relief therein demanded will be granted.

Witness my hand this 18th day of December 1909.

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Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:00 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:55 pm	*8:35 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:20 am	9:16 am
Ar. W. Philadelphia	3:40 am	11:35 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Philadelphia	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:53 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:05 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:49 am	2:09 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:35 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:30 am	6:10 pm

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	51.	53	via Wilson. 42
Lv. Wilmington	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Florence	9:25 am	7:25 pm	4:01 am
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Ar. Augusta	3:00 pm		
Ar. Atlanta	8:20 pm		
Ar. Nashville	6:30 am		
Ar. Memphis	3:30 pm		
Ar. Louisville	1:10 pm		
Ar. Con'ti	4:35 pm		
Ar. Charleston	1:15 pm	11:20 pm	7:05 am
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Lv. Jacksonville	7:30 am	7:45 pm
Lv. Savannah	11:55 am	12:15 am
Lv. Charleston	4:25 pm	5:10 am
Lv. Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv. Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	8:03 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmington	11:30 pm	1:25 pm

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Westbound. 53 Daily.		Eastbound. 52 Daily.
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12:10 PM	Lv. Fayetteville Ar.	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar. Sanford Lv.	3:30 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

Northbound. 62 Daily except Sunday.		Southbound. 63
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5:17 PM	Ar. Jacksonville Lv.	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar. N. & S. Jct. Lv.	9:35 AM
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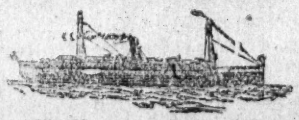

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Sunday, December 26.

MAJOR HEMPHILL NO CHATTEL.

Zach McGhee, who writes stuff from Washington, chiefly to the Columbia State, spent a few summer months in England and on the Continent and returned with the reputation of having "attained virtue." Various tariff letters with which he favored the State were virtuous in tone if imperfect in fact—a statement that we make concerning Mr. McGhee, not on account of lack of faith either in his virtue or acumen, but "on the reason of the thing," that a transient visitor to a foreign country may possibly form a satisfactory estimate of the show girls and cafes, but in the nature of things is incompetent to come to sound fiscal conclusions, even if he cuts out the show girls. Fiscal matters, especially their first-cousin, the tariff, are, as we know, not policies to be taken lightly, or seen through at a glance. Interesting as the McGhee lucubrations undoubtedly were, we have not considered them otherwise than as the solemn deliverance of a necessitous persifleur. As a tariff essayist, Mr. McGhee made good as most; it is when he comes down to cases, when back at Washington, that we look at him askance. The effort to acquire virtue may have resulted in the loss of sense—generally speaking, we regret to say, the loss of something not particularly concerned with virtue.

Clearing his brain of the budget matter in England, Mr. McGhee takes a shot in which he sees a notable conspiracy between President Taft and Editor Hemphill. According to the way he dopes it off, the South Carolinian is now put in the place of one Capers, formerly dispenser of patronage. Mr. Taft has changed lieutenants. When the knock-kneed Republican contorts himself to kneel at the pie counter, he must approach the bench whereon the "Deacon" says "Amen." What does this portend? We take it to be the substance of McGhee's remarks. Is the most valiant Southron of them all getting ready to take from the administration with one hand and dispense a part of his takings with the other? Is Taft not only a jolly, Falstaffian jollier, but a Mephistopheles, as well? Has he led the Deacon, drawing back from the cold douche of Bryanism, into the deep and fathomless waters of Southern materialism as materialised in the shape of National office?

With all due respect to Mr. McGhee's political learning and the sharpness of a nose used to the Washington grindstone, we think not. Some of the little South Carolina papers have, it is true, commenced to think so. They are calling aloud on Major Hemphill to get down from the tripod and out of the party, out of which he has already been "read." They aver, on the basis of the McGhee story, that a man who advises the Republican President as to whom to appoint to office, can have neither semblance, form, nor color of Democracy. They declare that he shall either make the News and Courier openly a Republican sheet, or that he shall say where he stands, and why. It is a sad thing to watch the industry of some of these editors in working overtime to dig a hole into which Major Hemphill will most assuredly refuse to curl up and be buried in when they have finished it.

Now as to Mr. Taft and Major Hemphill, we know less than nothing, Mr. Zach McGhee's letters to the contrary. It is just possible that in the matter of South Carolina appointments Mr. Taft may have sought his advice. If that is so, we do not feel that Major Hemphill has lost caste by giving what it has been his business during a long and brilliant career to give gratuitously. Much of the advice he has given has been sound, and, more than sound, effective. We are certain that he never advised what he did not believe, and this would apply to anything he might tell Mr. Taft. We are more than certain that anything he told Mr. Taft was given without expectation of return. If Major Hemphill is not privileged after his record to advise the world, and especially a President who asks his advice—then, why Major Hemphill?

As to all this "Under which flag, Benzonian?" talk, we suggest that the difference between the News and Courier and the Democracy is a difference which many have felt and few have spoken except privately. It happens that a newspaper must speak publicly. Because Mr. Bryan "read out of the party" the News and Courier affects not a whit the standing of the News and Courier in the party. Not having it, Mr. Bryan could well afford to deny a supoprt he did not have. But it is so evident that Mr. Bryan was a folly, that his dictum has less than the support of good reason as a citation. If we have gathered anything of the character of Major Hemphill and the News and Courier, it will read itself where it finds the opportunity to take a stand—by preference with the Democratic party of old that fought to the finish instead of taking the count on the delivery of the first good jab; and, if that be impossible, by standing aloof and waiting the end of a conflict waged on terms in which its honesty will not permit that it participate, either in favor of an old but corrupted allegiance, or a principle obnoxious in essence, even if under the circumstances it be the lesser of two evils.

So far from "reading out" Major Hemphill and the thousands of individuals of his type, the hope of the Democracy just now lies in reforming into militant membership the element that its past policies have left stranded upon a politically barren island, looking, but for long in vain, for the ever-hoped and never seen bit of sail that promises succor.

BALLINGER-PINCHOT-TAFT-ROOSEVELT.

The Ballinger-Pinchot controversy is so mixed and misrepresented on either side of the question, that the evidence—(not the result, understand)—ought to be of real value, as affording the country the opportunity of judging whether the attack on the Secretary of the Interior has its impulse in a pro-Roosevelt conspiracy against Taft, or whether it means that the President has taken into his official household one who is at the same time cheat, fraud and thief.

These last are hard words, but they are justified in the light of the substance of what Glavis, Collier's Weekly, and others have been saying at much more length and with considerably more euphemism.

President Taft naturally does not think that he has taken such a reprobate into the fold. Some time ago he "investigated" for himself, and being a man of good nature and good heart, he concluded that the best thing to do was to make everybody happy by saying that everybody was a gentleman and everybody told the truth. This kind of reason might do in the case of a barroom brawl, when bloody combatants fighting over the passing of hideous epithets have been known to calm down on the assurance that nobody was a "liar"; inferentially, that nobody had been called anything that did not fit. Both the substance of the Ballinger charges, however, and the men back of them—not considering their motive—denied such a course to Taft. He is now probably the most regretful man in the country on account of having taken it for, with his whitewash brush already over Ballinger, the investigation, in all its lights, will mean the trial of Taft instead of his Secretary of the Interior. The big issue will be, not whether Ballinger is a grafter, but whether Taft knowingly or negligently supported him in the role. Referring to this important phase of the matter, the New York World says:

"The President knows this quite as well as anybody. He cannot be ignorant of the fact that the more recent attacks upon Mr. Ballinger have been directed quite as much against him as against his Secretary of the Interior. In the circumstances the President is to be commended for the common sense he has displayed in assenting to a Congressional inquiry. It shows that Mr. Taft is not afraid of the truth, even if the truth should prove that he had been misled.

"It would have been very easy for Mr. Taft to issue a statement denouncing all of Mr. Ballinger's critics as liars and scandal-mongers, and telling Congress that there was nothing for it to investigate because he had decided everything for all time. Instead, the President invites full publicity, whether it helps or hurts his administration."

It would certainly seem that in this matter Mr. Taft has made a serious mistake in yielding to his natural disposition to "smooth things over". He must pay for his attempt to be generous to both sides of an irreconcilable conflict. But there is a comfort in the contrast which the World so forcibly draws between the attitude of President Taft in such circumstances and what would doubtless have been the attitude of "my distinguished predecessor". Especially now, when all the wires are being taughtened for a harmony of Roosevelt heroworship on the occasion of his return to New York next June, the restraint of the President is admirable. Had he been of the nature of Roosevelt, the Ballinger-Pinchot matter would long since have given the country a fervid era of executive profanity, not to mention the putting into current use of half a dozen old phrases dug out of the country and put forward as pap for the cultured high-brows of the cities. Caught in a lie, the Roosevelt method was that which Cook did not have the audacity to attempt, to-wit: to drown the voice of the informant in repeating the epithet, with trimmings. Tricked into an investigation, it appears that President Taft is going to take his medicine—whatever it be—like a gentleman.

We have no fear that it will be a nauseus dose, so far as the investigators are concerned. Mr. Taft will wish a thorough, fair, and impartial hearing. No matter what he wishes, "Uncle Joe", Senator Aldrich and Vice President Sherman will see to it that the personnel of the committee is such as will make Ballinger "come clean". At the same time, as we indicated above, there is a lively hope that the character of the testimony and the publicity that will be given it, will afford the country a clear idea of the right and wrong of the controversy. When that is accomplished, it will matter little what the formal verdict of the committee may be; if Ballinger is guilty, he will go.

As to Mr. Taft, we suspect the conspiracy against him, and from the point of view of fair play between men look upon it with a certain contempt; from the point of view of politics, every man must stand on his own bottom, in his own party and, more, outside of it. From this point of view we consider the success of the "Return from Elba" a movement in the line of the Fates, fated to a Waterloo at the hands of a moral, fair-dealing and in some wise repentant public.

"Dr. Cook's mind is unhinged," declares one of his friends who asks a charitable suspension of public opinion till his pitiable condition may be revealed. Well, the doctor must have been crazy to have believed that all the world could be fooled in an offhand way. The nerve of him!

On Wednesday the Associated Press carried a jest from Mark Twain in connection with a report that he is dying. The humorist denied it with merriment but the next day he was bowed down in grief over the sad and tragic death of his only daughter and last child on earth. Life is no joke.

Who will now discover Dr. Cook? He has either gone in a hole and pulled the hole in after him, or else has silently stolen away where he can "bag his head."

Wilmington's down-town celebration of Christmas sounded like a demonstration in honor of the chief noise maker.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Wilmington Morning Star, in a 40-page edition, does great credit to the State's oldest newspaper. It was brimming full of good information about the Cape Fear city and section. Such editions are useful to the whole State and especially do they help their home towns. The Star is improving along the lines of boosting East Carolina and it gives splendid news service.—East Carolina News.

As we supposed, the interdict of the department at Washington against the purchase of supplies for the army and navy from the Standard Oil Company scarcely remained in force until the ink with which it was written became dry. The excuse is that the Rockefeller concern has put in the lowest bid which under the letter of the law can not be rejected. This sounds pretty well, but it is not consistent with the action of the Navy Department when an independent shipyard offered terms of construction far below the bids filed by the Trust. The fact is that the influences of the great combine are too strong for government officials to combat successfully.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

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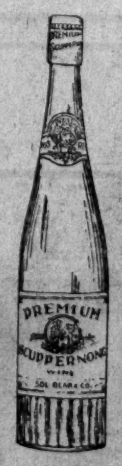

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A QUARREL OVER CIGARETTS

Results in the Shooting and Serious Wounding of One Negro by Another—One Who Fired Shot Not Yet Arrested.

As the result of a quarrel over a cigarette, Willie Williams, colored, 25 years old, shot and seriously wounded Joe McCormick, colored, of the same age, in a colored barber shop on Nixon, between Sixth and Seventh streets, about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. McCormick was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where it was stated last night that he would recover unless unforeseen complications developed. Williams had not been captured last night, though the police are making a thorough search for him.

Patrolman Charlie Jones was on the scene about twenty minutes after the shooting occurred. A large crowd of negroes had gathered around the wounded negro by that time. After summoning the ambulance and learning a few particulars of the affair the officer went in search of Williams. He was later joined by Patrolman M. L. Moore and Ed Allen and the three looked for the negro several hours, but found no trace of him.

Patrolman Jones said that from what he could gather from the negroes in the barber shop the shooting followed a dispute over a cigarette. One asked the other for a "coffin tack." The negro addressed replied to the effect that the one in his mouth was all he had. The other negro was inclined to be skeptical and a war of words followed, resulting as stated above.

The wounded negro was attended by Dr. Strosnider at the hospital. McCormick was shot twice with a 38 calibre pistol, one ball taking effect in his shoulder and the other in his left wrist, and was also painfully stabbed on the chin. The ball which entered the shoulder has not yet been located. The one in the wrist was located about eight inches from the point of entrance and was extricated.

MRS. AMELIA GUTHRIE DEAD

Passed Away in This City Yesterday Afternoon at Advanced Age.

Many friends were shocked and saddened yesterday when they learned of the death of Mrs. Amelia A. Guthrie, wife of the late James Guthrie, of Southport, who passed away at 1:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. J. D. Price, 115 Castle street. Mrs Guthrie was 89 years and one month old and had been in declining health for some time. For several days preceding her death her condition was critical. She was a most estimable woman and will be greatly missed. She was a member of the Southport Methodist church for 69 years and was a most devout Christain woman. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Fannie Hansley, of Southport, five granddaughters, Mrs. J. D. Price and Mrs. Lila Boss, of Wilmington; Mrs. Allie Slaughter and Mrs. Kate Miller, of Kinston; Mrs. Bessie Miller, and Miss Annie Guthrie, of Chadbourn; one brother, Mr. Theo. McKeithan, of Southport, and two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Bryant and Mrs. Thalia Prilean, of New York City. In their bereavement they have the sympathy of a great many friends.

The body will be taken to Southport this morning on the steamer Wilmington and the funeral and interment will be there this afternoon.

PAPER ON CHRISTMAS.

Star Goes to Its Patrons as Usual Today, Despite the Holiday.

Although something of a departure from the usual custom in Wilmington and at the sacrifice necessarily of the personal convenience and pleasure of a number of employes, the Star is going to its readers as usual this morning despite the Christmas holiday. While no attempt at extra pages is made, the local and telegraphic news being, of course, abbreviated on a day when there is nothing doing, the Star takes pleasure in greeting its readers as usual today. The "boys" in the shop to a man responded nobly and loyally to the emergency which required a paper rather than the long skip to Tuesday morning and while at a sacrifice to themselves, they take quite as much pleasure as the owners in making this morning's paper possible. Sober, industrious, enterprising, loyal to a man and ever ready to meet any emergency necessary to modern newspaper making, the Star believes there is no more competent or reliable shop force in the State than that which makes the "morning luminary."

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, church edifice Market and 17th streets. Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon: "Christian Science." All are invited.

St. Thomas' Church: First mass 7 A. M. Last mass, sermon, 10:30 A. M. Vespers 7:45 P. M.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. German Christmas service 11 A. M. Christmas service by the Sunday school at 7 P. M. A cordial invitation to all. Seats free.

First Baptist Church: Fifth and Market streets. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor. Preaching 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Friday 8 P. M.

Grace M. E. Church, Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. The public cordially invited to all services.

Sunday services at St. John's church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector. Holy Communion at 7:45 A. M. Service and sermon at 11 A. M. Children's Christmas service 4:15 P. M. All are cordially invited.

A Prescription for Lung Trouble.

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COAST LINE INTO CHARLOTTE

Observer Discusses Proposed Extension With Much Interest—Norfolk & Western Connection—Far Reaching Effect

Announcement of the intention of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company to connect its main line with Charlotte by means of a line either between Wadesboro and Charlotte or Hartsville, S. C., and Charlotte, bears with it tremendous possibilities for the future development of this city. Local business interests have become much concerned over the proposition which was announced Sunday in the Observer in the shape of a special dispatch from New York, this being the first intimation to be received here. And while even now no Charlotte people are conversant with the project or intimately enough acquainted with the situation to comprehend its meaning entirely, assurance is felt that the proposition will be worked out in the early future and that Charlotte will become a railroad center of considerable magnitude.

The Atlantic Coast Line is identified with the Norfolk & Western in the building of the new Southbound Railroad from Winston-Salem to Wadesboro. This link gives these two railroads an important connection between the North and the South. In addition to affording this very important connection between the two roads themselves, the Southbound will pass through a vastly promising section of North Carolina and will for that reason be given an immense impetus right from its inception. Within about a year this line will be in operation. It is now proposed to further "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes" of these two important roads by running a branch line into Charlotte and thereby securing a firm hold on the traffic of this city and general section. This is, perhaps, contemplated for the reason that the new C. C. & O., which also has connections with the West in some manner comparable with those of the N. & W. gave Charlotte the slip in its selection of Southern cities through which to pass. Although it secured connection with this city by means of its association with the Seaboard Air Line, this new road has not apparently gone to its capacities in making out of local business what there is in it. Whatever may be the motive, it is certain that the Atlantic Coast Line can command a large share and perhaps the lion's share of local business when it secures connection here and when its new Southbound line is completed.

The Probable Course.

The Atlantic Coast Line, leaving Wadesboro, runs down to Cheraw and thence on to Charleston by a direct line. At Floyds, a little station just below Cheraw, a branch line runs off to Hartsville, several miles distant. One survey is now being made from Hartsville up to McBee where the A. C. L. crosses the Seabcard and from which station there is a little lumber road running out to Jefferson. This line would probably be bought and converted into the line direct from Hartsville to Monroe. From Jefferson to Monroe, there is a territory in Chesterfield county, S. C., which is without railroad facilities at all and a promising section. This would be opened up by the proposed line. After the road reaches Monroe, it would either use the Seaboard's tracks or run a parallel line to this city, the latter being the more probable.

The exploitation of local territory by the A. C. L. through such a connection will have a far-reaching effect upon the future of the city. No other railroad has quite the directness of connection with the central Northwest as the N. & W. commands. It has practically a straight line from Cincinnati and the inclusion of the territory through which the Southbound will run, gives the road a chance for local patronage which its competitors perhaps cannot command.

It is probable that the greatest benefits to be derived to local business interests will come through the grain and meat freight business as well as coal. The N. & W. comes straight from the heart of the West where grain and meat are bought and from which territory also a large amount of coal consumed in this section abounds. It is, therefore, in fine position to compete with the other two roads that enter Charlotte and that have heretofore been carrying the bulk of the business done in this region. The possibilities of this connection cannot be approximated even. The impetus it will give to Charlotte commercially lies beyond the power of prophecy. The local business organizations will doubtless get to work and exert themselves to insure the coming of the road here, fully realizing how much it means to the future growth and development of the city in every way.

HARVEST OF DRUNKS.

Two Out of 32 Arrests Proved Exception to Rule During Holiday.

Up to 9 o'clock last night the total of arrests for the Christmas holiday was 32, all of which were drunks with the single exception of two lads arrested for shooting fire crackers contrary to law. The greatest harvest, of course, was on Christmas eve, the total arrests up to daybreak yesterday morning having been 27. Five were gathered in during Christmas day but the early hours of last night were remarkably dull in police circles. Not an arrest had been made at headquarters up to 9 o'clock. As yet there have been no developments in the case of the young man Parker, who was struck in the head with a fence paling at Sixth and Castle streets and sent to the hospital early yesterday morning.

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MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY

Judge Erwin Confirmed Report That He Has Resigned Pastorate of Christian Church—Several Calls to Consider.

The rumor that Judge J. A. Erwin has resigned as pastor of the Christian church was yesterday confirmed by him and he stated that he would make a formal announcement of the fact to his congregation this morning. He has several calls under consideration, but will probably do evangelistic work for awhile until he decides definitely upon his permanent field of labor.

Judge Erwin tendered his resignation both to the State and local boards and it has been reluctantly accepted. Since coming to this city from Jacksonville, Fla., the last of February, 1907, Judge Erwin has received a number of very flattering calls to other churches, but declined all, feeling that his services were needed here. He has been engaged largely in the material upbuilding of the church and he stated yesterday that he felt now that the work was in such condition that another could take it up and carry it on as well or better than he could. He said that he had found his stay in Wilmington very pleasant and he regretted leaving, "but when duty calls," he said, "our own pleasures are not to be consulted."

Judge Erwin will enter a larger and more useful field. Before coming here he was city evangelist of the church in Jacksonville, Fla., and is an evangelist of wide experience and has an extensive acquaintance in this and other States. Recently he has received many invitations to hold evangelistic services in various parts of the country and will leave about January 1st for Osceola, Ia., where he will hold a series of meetings, returning to Wilmington the first of February. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Erwin, whose superb voice has been heard at nearly all of the services at the church here and whose departure from the city will be generally regretted. Mrs. Erwin has been a great worker in the church here. She was leader in the Ladies' Aid Society, composed of only eight members, which has raised $500 toward the new church building furnishings.

Shortly after Judge Erwin came here he began a movement for a new and handsome church building and his hopes were fully realized. The present building cost about $3,000 and the lot on which it is located cost $4,400. Provision has been made for the payment of all indebtedness except a portion on the lot, and this will be carried by the church extension society or board. Arrangements are being made for the liquidation of all the indebtedness. The State Missionary Board of the Christian Church of North Carolina has been behind this work and supporting it up to the present and will continue to support it through the coming year at least, it is stated. The financial ability of the church is limited, but expects within another year to be self-supporting. When it was decided to build the new edifice the local board was compelled to have the building finished, or at least ready for the dedicatory service in six weeks, owing to the fact that it was desired to have the dedication on the last Sunday in August, which was the time for the meeting of the different district unions of the State, some of whom had been especially invited to meet here. The work was pushed rapidly in order to do that and it was said that no building of the kind has been erected here with the same rapidity and promptness. Judge Erwin was seen by a Star representative, with saw and hammer, working with all his might on the building just a few days before the dedicatory service. The plans for the structure were drawn by Judge Erwin, who also personally superintended the construction work. Mr. H. A. Decover, who was then manager and principal owner of the Wilmington Sash, Door & Lumber Co., was largely instrumental in pushing the work along and making it possible to complete the building within the time fixed.

Judge Erwin has filled a number of positions of great importance. He was a successful lawyer, but at the time of his conversion he quit the practice to enter the ministry. In later years he was sent by the American Missionary Society of his church as their first missionary to Porto Rico. This was in 1898. After two years as a missionary, when it became necessary to introduce the American system of jurisprudence, or law, in Porto Rico, he was asked by the government to resign and accept the responsibility. He was the first American District Judge and held the first jury trial ever on that island. He continued as judge for five years, and then resigned the position with a salary of $3,000 to preach the Gospel. His ability was quickly recognized by the people of this city and they regret exceedingly to learn of his decision to remove.

During his absence in January the church here will be supplied by the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C. Judge Erwin will be here through the month of February and it is presumed that the church will arrange to call some one to succeed him by the last of March, when his resignation takes effect.

STORMS OVER THE COUNTRY.

Wire Trouble Reported by Transmission Companies—Snow in North.

All telegraph and long distance telephone service was interrupted yesterday by storms both north and south if Wilmington. The Associated Press which usually has the last wire in any emergency was greatly handicapped and not a line had been received until after 9 o'clock last night when the service usually begins at 6 o'clock. It was snow in the north and high winds in the South of us. In Wilmington yesterday there was rain during the morning hours and high westerly winds in the afternoon with a rapidly falling temeprature. Warnings of the cool snap were promptly displayed by the local Weather Bureau.

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DAY QUIETLY OBSERVED HERE

Rain in Morning Made It Disagreeable for Pedestrians and Few Ventured Out—Fine Afternoon—Church Services.

Yesterday, Christmas Day, the beginning of the festival season, was observed in this city in the true Wilmington way. Enforced around their firesides on account of the disagreeable weather which was the order in this community the greater portion of the day, there were few persons on the streets until late in the afternoon and serenity and quietness prevailed, except for the occasional explosion of a firecracker or torpedo in different parts of the city.

The rain, which began at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning, interfered seriously with the plans of many and made it very unpleasant to be out. The weather which prevailed up to 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon was about the worst experienced here this Winter. The rain was accompanied by a severe wind, which, at times, was terrific and almost lifted one bodily from the streets. The clouds cleared away about 3:30 o'clock and Old Sol shone the remainder of the day in all his glory. The few hours of pleasant weather was taken advantage of by hundreds who used this opportunity to call upon neighbors and friends. There were only a few on the streets even after the weather cleared away and last night there were fewer persons down town than usually seen around the drug stores and on the streets Sundays. When the rain ceased it began to turn cold fast and the wind increased.

The baseball game scheduled to be played at League Park at 11 o'clock in the morning between professionals and a picked local team had to be canceled on account of the rain, and there were many disappointed fans.

The day was appropriately observed in the Episcopal, Catholic and Lutheran churches of the city with special services at 11 o'clock. The attendance was not large at any of the services as would have been the case had the weather been more favorable. However, there were quite a number to "brave the elements" and attended services at their respective places of worship. Sermons were preached on the text of the day and special music was rendered by the choirs. In some instances the churches were beautifully decorated.

The day was as joyously spent by the prisoners in the county jail as was possible for persons deprived of their freedom. Their gladness was due to the generosity of Sheriff S. P. Cowan and Jailor J. M. Branch, who arranged a special turkey dinner for them. There were 13 prisoners in the county institutions yesterday. Sheriff Cowan furnished the turkeys and the other portion of the dinner was provided by the jailer. The prisoners expressed through Jailer Branch their deep appreciation of the thoughtfulness of Sheriff Cowan, a big-hearted whole-souled man.

The county convicts were not forgotten. It was, of course, a holiday for them and a special dinner was prepared by the county. It has been customary with several charitable organizations to send baskets to the county home on Christmas Day but this year the inmates of the institution were overlooked. However, Superintendent H. C. Blake prepared a special dinner and the inmates, about 16 colored and three whites, spent the day very pleasantly. In the afternoon one of the colored schools of the city sent a large quantity of fruits, nuts and cakes to the colored inmates and the delicacies were partaken of with the greatest relish.

Of course, practically every family in the city had a special Christmas dinner and in many instances had a number of guests. In Wilmington Christmas dinners are one of the features of the festival season.

The police had a very quiet day of it, in striking contrast to the night before when more than 25 arrests were made.

Christmas services will be held in many of the churches of the city today, the pastors choosing today instead of yesterday on account of nearness of Christmas to Sunday.

The city and county offices as well as other public offices were closed, the banks took holiday and practically every business house and all manufacturing plants suspended. Business generally was at a standstill.

VICTIM MAY DIE.

Jake Sullivan Who Was Stabbed in Brunswick by Negro Thursday.

A long distance telephone message last night from Sheriff Knox, of Brunswick county, states that young Mr. Jake Sullivan, who was stabbed by a negro at Town Creek Thursday afternoon, was not doing so well at last accounts. The negro, John Holden, arrested soon after the affray, and who was held without bond pending the result of the young man's injuries, has been sent to jail at Southport. Telephone communication was out yesterday and Sheriff Knox had not heard from young Mr. Sullivan but late Friday afternoon he was not doing so well.

Willard A. Hoagland, the champion heel and toe walker of the world, defeated R. H. Hubbell, the champion of Pennsylvania, at Elmira, N. Y., in a mile walk, time 1 hour, 24 minutes, 45 seconds. Hubbell was given a handicap of a quarter of a mile.

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WANTED EVIDENCE AND GOT IT.

Real Wife From Delaware Arrives and Upsets Things.

Brunswick county has furnished the press of the city and the State some very interesting stories and it is probable that some of the best have escaped notice for the reason they did not gain currency until they became old and stale from a news standpoint. A representative of the Star learned of one of those "under cover" stories yesterday and although a week or more has elapsed since the occurrence the item possesses some value as news.

It appears that over near Leland there have lived for the last three years a man and woman under the guise of husband and wife. That they were living in illegal relations was not even suspected by any of the neighbors. They owned some property and occasionally sold a piece of land, the deeds always bearing the names of both. They took a prominent part in all church affairs of the community. Their friends were many and they were seemingly in a most prosperous condition and settled for life.

The legal wife of the man lived in a Delaware town. She heard that her husband had settled in Brunswick county and was living with a woman known to the people of the community as his wife. She desired a divorce, but although she had heard rumors the proof positive was lacking. She consulted her lawyer and the two arranged the scheme which was afterwards admirably carried out from the woman's point of view. A well known Wilmington lawyer was communicated with and the facts laid before him. He arranged for the real wife to pay a visit to this section and had the man and woman in Brunswick arrested. The woman from Delaware came and in company with the local attorney went to Brunswick county. The husband and his so-called wife did not know of the scheme and when the wife put in an appearance they withered.

It appears that the wife wanted two things. In addition to evidence to be used in the divorce case she wanted money, and it is said she got everything she wanted. The prosecutor failed to appear for trial in Brunswick and the case against the man and woman was dismissed at the cost of the person who swore out the warrant. The wife returned to Wilmington and after a brief stay in the city returned to her Northern home. It is said that the man and woman in Brunswick have separated as the result of the disclosure and she is said to have left the community. "I never saw deception more perfectly practiced in my life," said a person yesterday in possession of the particulars of the affair.

XMAS FIRE ALARMS.

Three Small Ones Yesterday With Trifling Damage in Each Instance.

Christmas was not one "everlasting sweet dream" with the fire laddies yesterday and three alarms were responded to during the day. At 3 o'clock a telephone alarm brought the department to No. 211 North Third street, owned by Mrs. Bolles and occupied by Mr. John S. McEachern. The cause was a defective flue and a damage of only $15 resulted.

At 7:50 o'clock last night the alarm from box 51 was on account of a blaze at the residence No. 507 South Seventh street, owned and occupied by Mr. Ralph Kennedy. The fire started from some unknown cause between the ceiling and weather boarding of one of the sleeping rooms and damage of about $100 resulted to building and contents, covered by insurance.

The third alarm came at 9:20 o'clock last night when the department was called to the residence of Mrs. Roger Moore, third and Orange streets. A stable in the rear of the residence caught from a defective flue in the servants' quarters. The damage was only trifling.

NEW SOURCE OF DEMAND.

Armour & Company May Establish Fruit Crushing Enterprises.

(Carolina Fruit and Truckers Journal)

The readers of the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal will be interested to know that Armour & Company, of Chicago, have launched forth a new industry in the shape of strawberry and small fruit crushing for the manufacture of soda fountain syrup of the various names and varieties so common now all over the country. We are advised that they have these plants already established in the vicinity of Chicago and one in Michigan, and it strikes us that it would be a good idea if the people, and especially the strawberry growers of this territory, could secure the establishment of a similar plant at some point in this section, and we know of no place more advantageously located for securing shipments from all of the different strawberry growing divisions as Wilmington. A plant located in this city would enable the manufacturers to draw their supplies from the W. C. & A. R. R., the A. & Y. R. R., the S. A. L. R. R., the W. & W. R. R. and Newbern & Onslow Railroad.

North Carolina being the greatest strawberry producing State in the Union, it strikes us that Armour & Co. would not be slow to recognize that a plant of this character at some point in this State should be a paying investment and at the same time prove a great benefit and blessing to the growers. As we understand it, these plants use all grades of berries and with a plant of this character in our midst, if the berry market at a distance should go below a certain point, then the growers could turn in their daily output to the manufacturers and thus relieve the Northern markets so that prices could be restored to a profitable basis.

We take it that Armour & Co. would enter into an agreement with the growers for berries delivered at their factory in this city or some other point in the district at a regular stipulated price from the beginning to the close of the season. It is a notorious fact that there are hundreds and thousands of dollars worth of berries left in the fields throughout this territory each year to rot and ruin because of their too-ripened condition to harvest and ship to distant points, and a saving of this loss each year to the growers would reach startling figures. Not only that, but it would be money saved, and money saved is money made. We hope some effort along this line will be made at once and let us have a factory down here in the midst of the greatest strawberry district in the world for taking care of, and providing for the consumption of a portion of our strawberry crop at home, at least.

WEATHER ROUGH ON OUTSIDE.

Report From Southport Says Gale From West is Prevailing on Coast.

A telephone message from Southport at 6 o'clock yesterday evening stated that the weather was very rough on the outside with the wind strong from the west shifting to northwest. While no damage to shipping has been reported, if the storm continues to increase reports of disasters are expected this morning and the tow boat men are keeping an eye open for possible trouble off the coast. The schooner George F. Phillips arrived yesterday from New York with cargo of coal for the Springer Coal Company.

Three members of the Chicago Americans were disposed of Thursday by President Charles A. Cominsky. Pitcher Fiene was sent back to the Minneapolis American Association team and Outfielder Johnson and Infielder Rowan were returned to the Peoria Three I League team

"SUPPOSED LACK OF ATTENTION"

Official of Atlantic Coast Line Says Road is Ever Willing.

An official of the Atlantic Coast Line makes answer to the criticism in yesterday's Star of "supposed lack of attention" on the part of the company in supplying its friends and patrons with the proper telephone information "on the arrival of the trains the last two or three days," and says to tell the people of Wilmington that the Coast Line will give them, gladly, any information they may want at all times.

The Star is sure this will be a gratifying announcement to many who have suffered the inconvenience of either getting no answer to all or receiving a patronizingly irritating reply to perfectly legitimate questions in the past. For any information regarding trains, the public is asked to call the ticket office 1294 or the yardmaster's office 832 or the office of the superintendent in case of lack of attention or courtesy from either of the other 'phones. The Star is very glad to make this statement from the official quoted and is sure a better understanding will exist both on the part of the railway employes expected to furnish such information on the one hand and the public on the other. Still the paper has no apologies to make for the absolutely reasonable criticism that it saw fit to express both in its local and editorial columns yesterday morning.

STAR CARRIER BOYS

Desire to Return Thanks to Friends Who Were So Generous.

The dozen or more bright young Wilmingtonians who compose the force of carrier boys of The Morning Star, were out bright and early yesterday with their Christmas carols, according to the annual custom, which bids fair never to become extinct, and they wish to thank one and all of the Star's good friends who were so generous to them on this occasion of "Peace and Good Will Toward All Men." Out before day every morning, rain, shine, snow or sleet, a more faithful company of little "soldiers of fortune" could not be found and that their subscribers were kind and considerate yesterday morning is a source of pleasure to the paper and to the co-laborers of the youngsters.

In this connection the Star is pleased with the favor which the Christmas greetings of the carriers brought forth this year. It was the composition of Mrs. Sophie Crowley, wife of the Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, and she has very decided talent, as patrons of the paper have alrady doubtless had occasion to observe.

In a quarrel over the possession of $10, Edward Delio, an Italian, was knocked down and beaten to death with a stick of wood by Dominick Fardee, another Italian, at a house in East aMin street Richmond, Va., Thursday night, the slayer making his escape.

More than $2,000,000 will be distributed by the United States Steel Corporation as a bonus to its officers and employes of 60 per cent. of which will be in cash, according to the official announcement of Chairman Gary Wednesday.

As One Grows Old

the bowels become less inactive and a gentle stimulant is necessary occasionally to insure regularity, which is essential if good health is maintained. Rydale's Liver Tablets are the best for old people who suffer from constipation. They gently stimulate and tone the liver, intestines and bowels and establish a healthy, regular habit. We guarantee Rydale's Liver Tablets to cure the most stubborn case of chronic constipation. Robt. R. Bellamy.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Mr. Harry M. Solomon a popular young Wilmingtonian at the University of North Carolina, is here spending the holidays with home folks and is being pleasantly greeted by many friends.

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Mr. John Paul Lucas, news editor of The Charlotte Evening Chronicle, is spending the holidays here with his family, which is visiting Mrs. Lucas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Craft, 119 North Sixth street.

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Mr. Benjamin Bell, Jr., assistant news editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, is expected to arrive home this morning to spend a part of the holidays with home folks. He will be most cordially received by a host of friends here.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barker and son, Thomas, of Baltimore, are in the city, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Merritt, No. 115 North Fifth street. Mr. and Mrs. Barker are parents of Mrs. Merritt and have been quite pleasantly greeted by many friends of Mrs. Merritt here.

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The favor dance given in the Masonic Temple last night by Mr. Knelsel was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The dance was attended by a large number of those in the dancing class and many others. Dancing began at 9 and lasted until 11 o'clock. The chaperones were Mrs. Allan Nichols, Mrs. C. E Taylor and Mrs. Herbert Smith.

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PRETTY HOME MARRIAGE IN COUNTY YESTERDAY.

At the country home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King, three miles from the city, on the Castle Haynes road, at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, their popular and attractive daughter, Miss Lillie King, was joined in marriage with Mr. Logan Ward, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Portsmouth, Va., the ceremony being performed in an impressive manner by Rev. J. W. S. Harvey, of this city. Quite a large number of relatives and friends assembled at the King home to witness the nuptial event. Christmas decorations were effectively used, holly, mistletoe and other greens being most artistically arranged throughout the home.

The bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march skilfully played by Mr. R. H. King at the piano. During the ceremony little Miss Lillian Ruth King sang softly and most sweetly. The bride was beautiful in her gown of cream albatros trimmed in point lace. The maid of honor, Miss Lena King, sister of the bride, was becomingly attired in blue albatros, trimmed in white lace. The bridesmaids, Misses Fannie Holton Gabrell King, wore purple silk trimmed in white lace. Mr. Harry Williams, of the county, was best man and Messrs. John King and Frank Joyner, of this city, were the other gentlemen attendants. Following the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served the bridal party and invited guests. Many beautiful wedding presents were received from friends and relatives here and at a distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward left on the afternoon train for Portsmouth, Va., where they will reside. Many friends in this city wish for them a long and happy life of wedded bliss.

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MISS AZILE HEWLETT BRIDE OF MR. HARRY T. COOLEY.

A marriage of much interest to a wide circle of friends was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hewlett, 520 South Fifth street, at 8:30 o'clock last night, when their beautiful and attractive daughter, Miss Azile Hewlett, became the bride of Mr. Harry T. Cooley, a well known and popular young man of this city. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist church, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

The Hewlett home was beautifully and elaborately decorated. Southern smilax, holly and mistletoe and white Christmas bells enclosing electric bulbs, being used very effectively. The bride came down the stairway and entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus beautifully played by Mrs. C. E. Bender. She was met at the beautifully decorated altar by the groom who entered the parlor from a side door.

The impressive ceremony which made man and wife was then performed. The bride was beautiful in pearl gray messaline with pearl trimmings. She carried a pretty bouquet of carnations.

Following the ceremony a reception was tendered the young couple at which dainty refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Cooley received the best wishes and happiest congratulations of the many friends assembled.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hewlett and by her attractive personality and charming manner has endeared herself to all within the circle of her acquaintance. The groom is connected with the Bijou theatre and is a most popular young man. The magnificent array of presents attested in a measure the popularity of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooley will reside with the bride's parents for the present.

STAY OF EXECUTION.

Granted Howard Little by Governor Swanson Yesterday.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 20.—Governor Swanson tonight granted a stay of execution for 30 days in the case of Howard Little, convicted of murdering six persons in Buchanan county, sentenced to be electrocuted at Richmond, January 7th next and now in Roanoke jail awaiting removal to the penitentiary. The stay is to allow the case to be taken to the Supreme Court. Little will not be informed of his new lease on life until tomorrow.

According to the annual report of Grand Secretary Woodell, of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, that order has a membership in this State of 16,000. Seventeen new lodges were installed during the year.

The Theatre

This week will be a big one theatrically for Wilmington, as the Academy of Music will be open every night and during the week will be presented the greatest minstrel performance Wilmington has ever seen. The Crystal Palace will remain "dark" all this week, or at least dark until New Year's day, and this is being done simply because it is necessary to close the theatre in order to prepare for something big that the Palace is going to offer for several weeks. For that length of time, especially in order to make arrangements for higher class bookings, the vaudeville will be suspended. However, something of just as attractive nature will be offered and will be of far more novel character. Commencing with New Year's, the Palace will present the famed and costly Gaumont moving pictures, and as special electric machinery is required in order to give a splendid presentation of these pictures, it was necessary to close for a few days in order to make additional installations. The Gaumont pictures are the celebrated talking pictures and the management of the Palace considers itself exceedingly lucky in having obtained them. It is not a permanent feature, nor will moving pictures be given constantly, but the Gaumont company is going to play several engagements in the South and the Palace was lucky enough to secure the attraction for Wilmington.

At the Academy tomorrow night the well known and very popular Four Pickerts and their big company will open a week's engagement, save for Thursday night, and will present during that time a repertoire of the most modern successes, while a big vaudeville bill will be given. The opening play, tomorrow night, will be the great comedy success, "Hello Bill," and for this performance only the usual free courtesy will be extended the ladies, providing reservation of seats are made at the Crystal Palace by 6 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Popular prices are to prevail throughout the week, and there will be a big New Year's Day matinee. The Pickerts will no doubt, be given a big and royal welcome back to Wilmington.

Cohan & Harris Minstrels.

The Cohan & Harris minstrel, presenting George Evans and a hundred others now known to minstrel audiences everywhere as the "Honey Boys," will present their famous minstrel entertainment in this city Thursday night, December 30th.

It is just about a year ago that this minstrel organization began a career which has carved a new place and a new fame in minstrel history. The company presented by Messrs. Cohan & Harris was voted quite the largest and most pretentious that had ever presented minstrelsy in this country. There is, therefore, no little interest manifested in its aproaching engagement in this city, on which occasion Messrs. Cohan & Harris will introduce an entire new company of comedians, vocalists and features. The scenic investiture is also promised as being new and most elaborate, equaling in every way the magnificent production of last season. The company offered by Cohan & Harris this year is again headed by the original "Honey Boy" George Evans. In addition to Mr. Evans there is a large corps of comedians, notable among whom are John King, Harry Van Fossen, Sam Lee and Earl Benham. The vocalists are promised as among the best and highest salaried of minstrelsy, including such well known and popular singers as Vaughn Comfort, Will Oakland and John P. Rogers. Messrs. Comfort and Rogers will also grace the centre of the semi-circle as the two interlocutors of the first part. The big features of the entertainment consists of several pretentious and important numbers. Alexander & Scott, the former a feminine impersonator, appear in a neat travesty number, which has gained for them an enviable reputation the past three seasons in Europe.

George Evans will, of course, have a generous assortment of new jokes and new songs; while James Gorman has prepared two new big acts, which are sure to add to his reputation as a minstrel producer. One is a big singing and dancing number called "Scenes From Blackville," introducing Earl Benham and John King as the principals, and enlisting the services of 50 dancers. The other feature is a new march entitled "Manila," illustrating an attack and repulse by Uncle Sam's marines in the Philippines. For the concluding feature of a long and varied programme George M. Cohan has written a new minstrel musical comedy entitled "The Fireman's Picnic," for which he has composed several new musical numbers, destined to prove very popular for some time to come.

At the Bijou Tomorrow.

The management of the Bijou offers the patrons of that popular resort another excellent programme for tomorrow. "The Music Lesson" and "Sister Angelica", are the titles of the pictures that will be shown. The former is a trick picture and introduces many new novelties in transformation scenes. The second is said to be one of the most beautiful and fascinating little legends that has ever been presented through the medium of the silent drama.

The Stomach Cannot Rest.

It is a mistake to suppose that the stomach can rest and thus recuperate and by this means dyspepsia is cured. The digestive process begins in the mouth and does not end until the food has reached the intestines. The salivary glands in the mouth, the stomach, lower stomach, liver, spleen, etc., take part in the digestive process. This process is going on continuously. Think of resting the heart or the lungs for a minute, or any other organ. Pepsin pancreatin, etc., do not rest the stomach, they digest the residue of food a weak digestive system cannot digest and thus relieve the body of irritating acids or gas. Rydale's Stomach Tablets contain just enough Pepsin and Pancreatin to do this. They also contain many vegetable tonics and stimulants for the digestive tract. Rydale's Stomach Tablets cure dyspepsia the only way it can be cured. Ask us about them. Robt. R. Bellamy.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. R. S. MacRae, of Council's, was among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

—Messrs. J. A. Ray and Alvah Smith, of Hallsboro, were among the guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Among yesterday's arrivals at The Orton were L. L. Dempcey, Sumter, S. C., and Harry Latta, of Raleigh.

LOCAL DOTS.

—On account of the Christmas holidays, no local or telegraph markets are printed in the Star this morning.

—The indications are that the Recorder will have a "crowded house," when he convenes his court Monday morning. There was no session of court yesterday, but most of the large number run in Friday night gave bond yesterday morning for appearance Monday.

—Mr. P. H. Rasberry, who was foreman at the County Home under the superintendency of Mr. Hardee, but who has spent the last few weeks at Whittington, in the western part of the State, has returned to the County Home and will assume his old position under the superintendency of Mr. H. C. Blake.

—Clara Beckus, the aged colored woman, who was run over and seriously injured by a delivery wagon at corner of Second and Orange streets Friday evening, was reported from the hospital last night as getting along as well as could be expected, but her condition is still critical with little chance of recovery. The police have not yet been able to learn the name of the driver of the wagon.

ARNOLD BEFORE COURT.

Sheriff of Monroe Tells Military Inquiry of Brownsville Affair.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Qualifying in several particulars his affidavit which played such a conspicuous part in the famous attack in the Senate of Senator Foraker on the administration's course in regard to the Brownsville affray former Sheriff F. C. Arnold, of Monroe, Ga., today appeared as a witness before the military court of inquiry investigating the affair.

His affidavit was offered by Senator Foraker in rebuttal to the affidavits of H. E. Brown and William Lawson to the effect that Boyd Conyers, one of the soldiers discharged, as a result of the shooting-up of Brownsville, had confessed his connection with the affair.

In that document, Arnold said that it would have been impossible for Lawson and Conyers to have taken a drink under a certain porch in the heart of Monroe, as Lawson claimed to have done on the day that Conyers talked to him about the Brownsville incident. Today Arnold said that while there was an ordinance and a State law against drinking in public in operation in Monroe, it would have been possible to have taken a drink on the street without being arrested.

He said further that when he denounced Brown's statement of a confession "the most shameful perversion of what did take place", he understood Brown to have claimed that he was relating what Conyers had in the presence of Brown and himself.

The former sheriff admitted to the court that he once said to Conyers that there was a great deal of money in the case and that if Conyers would confess to him he would "take care" of him. He said Brown was not responsible for this statement which, he acknowledged, might be interpreted as an offer of money, but not so intended.

Capt. C. R. Howland, recorder of the court, objected to Arnold's affidavit being presented in testimony, asserting "that the court would be kept clear of political issues."

It was not introduced.

NO-TALK CONVENTION.

Deaf and Dumb People to Assemble in Colorado Springs, Col.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 15.—A convention with all talking eliminated will be held in Colorado Springs in August, 1910, when the world's congress of the deaf will assemble in that city. In all the meetings not a word will be spoken. The deliberations will be in the sign language, and moving pictures will be taken for exhibition throughout the world. Among those who have been invited to attend are Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, whose invention of the telephone was a result of efforts to alleviate the deafness of his wife. Steps will be taken to celebrate properly the first centenary of American deaf mute education in 1817 by Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, and Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet, president of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., the only surviving son of the founder of deaf mute education, will be the honored guest of the congress. President Taft will also be invited to attend.

Included in the programme, which has just been announced by President George W. Veditz, will be a discussion of the following topics: "The deaf man in the business world; how best to overcome prejudice and distrust toward his employment;" "The correct method of educating the deaf;" "Independent newspapers for the deaf;" "Homes for the aged and infirm deaf; a national home vs. existing State homes;" "The deaf in benevolent associations;" "The effects upon the popular mind in classifying the deaf with the dependent and delinquent classes."

FLYING FROM PIKES PEAK

Black Flag Bearing "Votes For Women" Placed on Summit.

Colorado, Springs, Dec. 15.—A black flag, bearing the legend, "Votes for Women" is defying winter's blasts on the summit of Pikes Peak. It was placed on top of the peak shortly before the cog road closed for the winter, by Mrs. Helen Reine Baker, of Spokane, Wash., the noted suffragette leader who was one of the eight delegates to the International Convention of Women held in London last Spring. The flag was supplied by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, of New York, and its placing on Colorado's most famous mountain is particularly significant because this was one of the first States to grant equal suffrage.

Judge Benjamin S. Liddon, of Marianna, Fla., former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, died at New Orleans Wednesday. Judge Liddon was 55 years old and one of the best known jurists in the South.

THE POPULATION SCHEDULE.

Number and Nature of Questions Asked by Enumerators.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The United States census population schedule which will be carried by the enumerators during the Thirteenth Decennial United States Census, April 15th next, contains 32 questions concerning every man, woman and child in this country, the total of whom is expected to reach the number of 90,000,000.

The preparation of the population schedule engaged for the past few months the joint consideration of Assistant Director Willoughby, Mr. William C. Hunt, the United States Census chief statistician for Population, and Prof. William B. Bailey, the Yale instructor in political economy, a prominent member of the Census Bureau advisory board of statisticians, etc., who later was commissioned supervisor of census for the State of Connecticut.

The schedule has been approved by Census Director Durand, and in its final form will be 16 by 23 inches in size, printed front and back, with 50 lines on each side, one for each person enumerated. The government Printing Office will print 1,800,000 copies, so as to give each of the 330 supervisors of census an ample supply to meet all the needs of about 67,000 enumerators who will enumerate the population in April next.

The paper on which the schedule will be run off will be first-quality white writing, 23 by 32 inches, 64 pounds to the ream, the total weight being 230,400 pounds. The entire edition will be printed on a Web press, ules, face and back, each revolution, at the rate of 9,000 an hour. It will take about six and a half days for the press to print the 1,800,000, running sixteen hours a day.

The schedule paper is very heavy and will stand a great deal of handling. The form of the schedule is more convenient than that used ten years ago, and the two pages are so spaced that when the schedule is placed in the card-punching machine, each time a card has been punched the ratchet wheel automatically moves the schedule up one line, and all the operator has to do is to operate the keys on the punching machine.

For this stage of the compilation of the population statistics 122,000,000 manila cards have been ordered for the card-punching machines.

The thirty-two questions are classified under thirteen groups.

The first is location, and under this head the enumerator must write down the street, avenue, road, etc.; the house number in cities or towns; and the number of the dwelling house and the number of the family, in the numerical order of the enumerator's visitation.

Under the subject "Name," for each person whose place of abode on April 15th was in the family being enumerated, the census taker is instructed to enter the surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. He must include every person living on April 15th, 1910, and must omit children born since that date.

The third group, Relationship, calls for a statement of the relationship which the person enumerated bears to the head of the family in which he resides.

The Personal Description group asks for the sex; color or race—that is, whether white, black, mulatto, Chinese, Japanese, or Indian; age at last birthday; whether single, married, widowed, or divorced; the number of years of present marriage; and, under the subject of "Mother of how many children," the number of children each woman has had and the number now living.

The group relative to Nativity requires answers stating the place of birth of the person enumerated and also of his or her father and mother. The instructions are that if either is born in the United States, the enumerator must give the state or territory, but if of foreign birth he must give the country.

The two questions regarding citizenship apply to foreign-born persons only, and call for a statement of the year of immigration to the United States, and, in the case of adult males, whether naturalized or alien.

There are five questions touching upon Occupation. The first calls for the trade or profession of, or particular kind of work done by, the person being enumerated, such as, to quote the schedule, "spinner, salesman, laborer, etc." The next inquiry calls for a statement of the general nature of the industry, business, or establishment in which the person works, as, again to quote verbatim from the schedule, "cotton mill, dry goods store, farm, etc." The third wants to know whether the person is an employer, employe, or working on his or her own account, and, under the fourth and fifth questions, whether out of work on April 15th, 1910, and the number of weeks out of work during the year 1909.

The questions in the Educational group are "whether able to read," "whether able to write," and "attended school any time since September 1st, 1909."

Information regarding "Ownership of Home" will be obtained by these questions: Whether the home is owned or rented; if owned, whether free or mortgaed, and whether it is a farm or simply a house, as in a village or city; if a farm, the schedule carries for purposes of identification the number of the farm schedule.

The schedule further contains inquiries as to whether the person enumerated is a survivor of the Union or Confederate army or navy; whether blind in both eyes, and whether deaf and dumb.

THE PEARL HARBOR DOCK

Admiral Hollyday Makes Suggestions to Secretary of the Nacy.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Contending that it would be a grave mistake to build the $2,000,000 dry dock at Pearl Harbor just long enough to take the Wyoming, the largest battleship, Admiral Hollyday, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, has submitted a memorandum to the Secretary of the Navy. Admiral Hollyday conferred with Secretary Meyer, who then favored the enlargement of the dock. The admiral also considers the enlargement of the Norfolk dock at a cost of $350,000 a very important project.

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PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 55@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

CHEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

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AMATEUR OFFICER GETS SACKED

Called In to Quell Riot, He Adds to the Excitement.

(Charlotte Chronicle.)

Officer Johnson, appointed some time ago to maintain and preserve the peace and dignity of the section in which he lived, had an exciting experience some time Saturday night when flushing a covey of Christmas celebrators who were too many for him. He called in Mack Vickers to aid and succor, and formally deputized Vickers to go home, get his gun and come to the rescue.

Vickers complied cheerfully to the demand to aid in the preservation of order, but before he could finish up the rounding-up of the parties whom Officer Johnson had trained down, it appears that Vickers himself fell under the baneful influence of Christmas liquor, and instead of arresting others, he himself was summoned to appear before the Recorder on a charge of intoxication.

A further charge was lodged against him by officers for carrying a pistol—the same which he had been deputized to add to his fighting accoutrements by Officer Johnson.

In the case for being intoxicated the Recorder found that the defendant was guilty, but on the concealed weapon charge, the court was disposed to be lenient, holding that Vickers had been instructed and duly deputized to arm himself by an officer of the law, and that as nothing had been said as to how long he was to remain "deputized", or how long he was to carry the gun, he could not be found guilty of unlawfully carrying arms, and this charge was wiped off the slate.

MIDDLE AGED LIQUOR.

But Whiskey Thirty Years Old Has Poor Show to Survive.

At a recent sale of the household effects of "The Old Forge" the homestead of the late Alexander Brevard for whose estate Mr. Brevard McDowell of this city is the administrator for the North Carolina property, Mr. James Sherrill of Lincoln county made a valuable purchase for 85 cents. This sum was his bid on a small, unpretentious package which was held out by the auctioneer, Mr. Henry Dellinger, of Iron Station. When Mr. Sherrill opened his package, he found that it contained eight pints of old rye whiskey of the vintage of 1879. The least value to be put on "spirits" of such longevity is $1 a pint, giving the total package a value of $8. It was a fine bargain for 85 cents and many who have forgotten the taste of whiskey of such age as this would gladly have paid more for such a luxurious liquor. When one of the gentlemen who had the privilege of tasting this rare whiskey was asked how it tasted, he remarked:

"It was hard to bite off."

Fire broke out in the miners houses of the Colonial Coal & Coke Company at Dorchester, Va., Wednesday, and three homes were consumed before the flames were gotten under control. A fourth house was blown up with dynamite to check the fire. The loss is covered by insurance.

Fat Reducing Ideas Are Proven Nature's Best

Fat is food turned into the wrong kind of material for the body. Instead of the blood taking up the food we eat and giving it to the body in the form of good, hard, sound flesh, nerve and bone, fat is thrown into the tissues and is packed around the organs and beneath the skin. This at last tears down all the vital forces of the system and destroys not only manly health and comeliness, but likewise results in death. The sure way and the best way is to take a Marmola tablet after each meal. You may then eat what you will, and when you will, and the stomach and digestive organs will turn the meal into the very kind of nourishment you most need. Fat is stopped at once and the fat you have is removed in a way that nature herself suggests, at the rate of from 12 to 15 ounces per day, and there are no flabby rolls of skin and deep wrinkles left to remind you of the days when you were fat. Every druggist sells these tablets, which are made after the famous Marmola Prescription. They are harmless, but thousands prove that they do reduce fat just as we say they do. If you can't buy them from your druggist or you do prefer send 75 cas., the price of a case, to The Marmola Company, Dept. 608, Detroit, Mich., and they will send same to you by return mail in a sealed and unmarked package.

ALASKA'S COAL FIELDS.

Early Development Urged by Gov. Hoggett—Fuel for Ships.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Early development of the great coal fields of Alaska in order that States on the Pacific slope may be furnished with a high-grade coal at less cost than the product now brought half way around the world and that the warships of the United States navy in the Pacific may be provided with a first-class fuel of American production, is advocated by Governor Wilford B. Hoggatt, of Alaska, in his annual report for this year before being succeeded by Governor Walter E. Clark.

Alaska, according to Governor Hoggatt, passed a year of quiet development of its resources and without any marked incidents to excite unusual interest. The population remained practically the same, there having been a redistribution but no gain. Commerce between Alaska and the United States increased; satisfactory experiments in raising grain and cattle were made and the mining industries were successful and without recurrence of the labor troubles which materially interfered with operations last year.

Including commissions and other incidental expenses, J. Pierpont Morgan recently paid $40,000 for two soup tureens which he obtained in Paris. The tureens are now on their way to this country and are the work of a noted artificer, D. A. Meissonier, and engraved by Huquiet.

Why Kidney Disease is Dangerous.

Kidney disease is dangerous because it comes on unawares and progresses to a fatal stage before the sufferer realizes what the trouble is.

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FIVE TRAINMEN KILLED

Result of Collision Between Freight and Passenger Trains.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 18.—Five trainmen were killed and one other was seriously injured early today when a westbound Lake Shore passenger train collided with a freight train in the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway yards. No passengers were injured.

Colonel Iapathiotis, minister of war of Greece, resigned Thursday, thus temporarily averting the crisis which the military league threatened to bring about. Earlier in the day the league announced its intention of overthrowing the ministry and replacing it with one chosen on a business basis.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or night.

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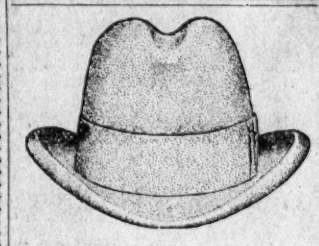

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THE HATTER AND CLOTHIER.

Latest styles and lowest prices.

24 North Front Street.

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Clothing for Men and Boys.

Suits Made to Order.

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128 to 134 S. Front St.

Phone 800.

Holeproof Hose and Stockings.

de 24 tf.

FOR RENT.

From January 1st, 1910, the store in Masonic Temple now occupied by W. R. Kingsbury.

Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary for same to October 1st, 1912 or 1914, and opened at 6 P. M. Monday, December 27th, 1909.

The Board of directors reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

THE MASONIC TEMPLE CORPORATION.

By James C. Munds, Secretary.

Dec. 22, Wednes. Sun.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as Administrator of the Estate of N. F. Parker, late of Brunswick County, this is to notify all creditors to present their accounts to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 26th day of November, 1910, or this notice will be plead to bar recovery. All parties indebted to said Estate will make immediate payment to me. This notice applies to all purchases made by my decedent for the Southport Supply Company of which he was sole proprietor.

This 5th day of December, 1909.

ANNIE PARKER, Administratrix N. F. Parker, Southport, N. C.

Cranmer & Davis, Attorneys.

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Blue prints of all kinds are made by Southern Map Co., phone 813, So. Bldg.

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ALL NEXT WEEK (Save Thursday)

THE FOUR PICKERTS

And Their Big Company.

MONDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 27th. "HELLO BILL."

Seats on sale Saturday at the Crystal Palace and the usual free courtesy to the ladies.

de 24-3t.

CHICHESTER S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.

Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TERS DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

GAYLORD'S

Closing Sale!

of Toys and Christmas Goods!

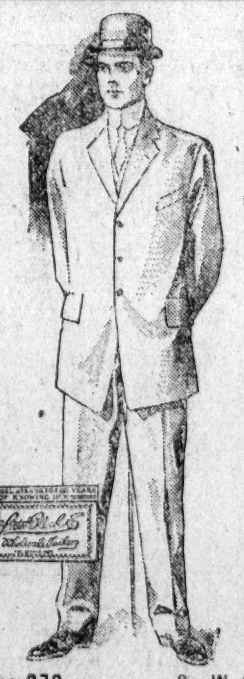
Only one more week remains in which to sell Toys and other Xmas Goods.

We have sold thousands of dollars' worth, made our profit, and now the remainder must go at cleaning-up prices.

We want the money, not the Xmas goods to carry over.

GEO. O. GAYLORD

210, 212, 214 N FRONT ST.



We Have Just Received

A very exclusive assortment of Stein Block's High Grade Hand Factored Suits and Overcoats for the Holidays

We are showing the prettiest Christmas goods in the way of Hats, Gloves, Neckwear, Underwear, Sox, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Silk Suspenders, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Suit Cases, Bags and Trunks, Bath Robes, Pajamas and everything in Gentlemen's Wear. Give us a look before making your Christmas purchases.

J.W. FLEET CO.

Phone 673. So W. Corner Front and Princess Sts

de 12 tf

We Are After the Men

who want good looking, durable and stylish Shoes at moderate prices. We'll just put it mildly and say that We've the best $3.50 and $4.00 Shoes this country produces.

In Pat. Kid, Gunmetal and Vici.

$3.50 and $4.00

HEWLETT & PRICE

109 MARKET ST.

Cattle Food

Peanut Cake and Meal. Finest food obtainable for cattle and hogs. Better than corn, corn chops, meal or wheat bran. Manufactured and sold by

Universal Oil and Fertilizer Co.

Wilmington, N. C.

de 24 tf

THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture. Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 26, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Saturday, Dec. 25th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 42 degrees; 8. P. M. 44 degrees; maximum 58 degrees; minimum 39 degrees; mean 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .30; for the month, 2.50 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayettville at 8 A. M. Friday 2.3 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Sunday, colder in east, high west to northwest winds; Monday fair.

Port Calendar—Dec. 26.

Sun Rises.....7:16 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:10 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 43 min.
High water at Southport 7:11 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 10:11 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Platt & Haar—We Wish.
C. H. Fore & Co.—For Monday.
Academy of Music—George Cohan.
Waccamaw Lumber Co.—Men Wanted.
Wilmington Furniture Co.—Days of Grace.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Partner With $500.
Monarch Cigar Co.—Salesmen.
National Mercantile Co.—Wanted.

Rock Thrown at Street Car.

A rock was thrown into a junction-bound street car at corner of Front and Red Cross streets at 9:05 o'clock last night, breaking the glass in the rear of the car and slightly injuring Conductor Gaskins, who was struck on the arm. The conductor told the police that two white men of some prominence were standing together on the corner as the car passed and that one waved it down and the other signalled the motorman to go ahead. The car did not stop and one of the men picked up a rock and threw it at the car with the result as stated. He did not give the officers the name, stating that he would make a full report to the officials of the company this morning.

CONVENTION OF UNEMPLOYED.

President Taft and Number of Other Notables Invited.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—President Taft and a number of other notables are to be invited to a convention of the Brotherhood of Unemployed and Welfare Association to be held in Chicago some time in January. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Secretary of War Dickinson and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel are also to be invited. A meeting will be held tomorrow night to set a date for the convention. J. Eades Howe, president of the Brotherhood, wants the recruit stations of the army and navy turned into free employment bureaus, where all sorts of jobs can be obtained.

DIES BY HIS OWN HANDS

Shad Franklin of Madison County Accidentally Shoots Himself.

Asheville, Dec. 24.—News reached here today from Madison county that Shad Franklin, a 12-year-old boy, was killed while out hunting and that two others were injured by the accidental discharge of shotgun. Particulars of the tragedy could not be learned to night other than the fact that Franklin, a relatie of Arthur and Andy Franklin, the two men who six months ago were killed by the Tweed brothers, discharged his gun with fatal result to himself and wounding the two companions. The accident occurred in the Shelton Laurel section of adison.

UNIQUE OPERATION ON HORSE.

Veterinary Sews Shattered Jaw Bone of Valuable Thoroughbred.

Hampstead, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Horsemen here are much interested in a unique surgical operation which has just been performed on a $3,000 race horse, Chance, owned by W. R. Grace, of this town.

A few days ago the horse fell and shattered his jawbone. A New York veterinary sewed up the bone with wire and indications are that the animal will recover. The horse will be fed on liquid food only for several weeks.

BARS YALE AND PRINCETON.

Amateur Athletic Union Suspends Basket Ball Teams.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Yale and Princeton basket ball teams have been suspended by the registration commitee of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union. Both are charged with playing games with teams not registered with the Amateur Athletic Union.

The two college fives will now have to confine their playing to professional and college teams. They will not be permitted to play with registered athletes.

CUT RATE OF INTEREST

Atlanta Savings Bank Reduced From 4 to 3 1-2 Per Cent.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—Five of the six banks belonging to the Atlanta Clearing House Association have published a statement to the effect that on and after January 1, 1910, the rate of interest allowed on accounts in the savings departments will be 3 1-2 per cent instead of 4 per cent., as is now allowed.

The single exception in the clearing house association is the Central Bank & Trust Corporation, which will continue to pay 4 per cent on its savings accounts.

HOMICIDE IN LANCASTER

Merchant Shot and Killed by Another After Quarrel.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 25.—At Lancaster, S. C., this afternoon Jesse C. Sowell, a merchant was shot and killed by A. C. Carnes also a merchant. The difficulty, it is alleged having grown out of a scufle begun in a friendly spirit. Carnes was lodged in jail. He claims that Sowell was choking him when he fired. The wound proved fatal in about an hour. Sowell was unarmed.

The "bargain hunter" is no longer the woman who merely haunts the stores. She is the woman who watches the ads and goes to the stores strictly on business.

TREES ON PIKES PEAK

Unique Experiment Being Tried by the Forestry Service.

Colorado, Springs, Dec. 15.—On the slopes of Pikes Peak, at an altitude of about 9,000 feet, an experimnttal station of forestry has just been established by the United States government, this being the second station of its kind in the country. In discussing the new station, Raphael Zon, chief of the division of sylvics, said: "Visitors to Pikes Peak next Summer will see a full-fledged forest nursery. We will make daily observations of temperature, humidity, rainfall, snowfall and snow-melting, besides studying the soil. The object of the station is to determine by investigation what trees are best adapted to the reforestation of the Rocky Mountains."

W. W. CUMMER DEAD.

Passed Away at Jacksonville, Fla., Last Night Early.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 25.—W. W. Cummer, one of Jacksonville's most prominent citizens, passed away at his home here at 7 o'clock after a lingering illness. Mr. Cummer was at the head of the big Cummer Lumber Company and the Cummer Phosphate Works and was vice president of the Cook-Cummer Steamship Company, which runs a line of schooner barges between Jacksonville and Philadelphia and Providence in the lumber and coal trade.

MAINE XMAS TREES.

Two Hundred Thousand to New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

Portland, Me., Dec. 24.—It is estimated that the total shipment from Maine this season of Christmas trees has been 20,000 carloads, or about 200,000 trees. The average value of a car of trees to the Maine dealers is about $300, so that the approximate value of the Christmas tree crop of Maine for this season will be $60,000. New York, Boston and Philadelphia buy most of Maine's Christmas trees.

For Wilmington and the State.

(Winston-Salem Journal.)

The Wilmington Star has just issued a magnificent "Thirty-foot Waterway Supplement" of forty pages containing a graphic and illustrated write-up of the business interests of Wilmington. The introductory lines to the supplement follow:

"Thirty feet to the sea" might with the same appropriateness be the slogan of Greensboro, or Charlotte as of Wilmington.

For commerce is in its last analysis acquatic.

Civilization is a matter of highways.

The highway of the nations is the ocean.

Not to touch the ocean, therefore, by the highways adequate to present commercial needs is to suffer provincial isolation.

The efforts of Wilmington to secure a thirty-foot channel to the sea concerns the entire State. As The Star has frequently pointed out, the accomplishment of the thirty-foot channel would do much toward reducing the freight rates that we frequently kick about. Wilmington's interests are the State's interests and The Star and Wilmington should have every assurance of co-operation on the part of North Carolinians.

It becomes apparent that the good judgment and sane and safe sense of Grover Cleveland is more and more appreciated as time rolls by. Judge Lurton was an appointee of Mr. Cleveland to the Circuit Court bench of the United States and as such sat on the bench with President Taft, who seems to have had the very highest opinion of him as a man and as a lawyer. It is exceptional that Judge Lurton, whose name was sent to the Senate by the President was confirmed unanimously without reference to the usual committee, in spite of the fact that some of the newspapers and others who look after the integrity of the judiciary, charged that he took a trip to the Pacific coast once on the private car of the President of the C. & O. Railroad. There were other charges suggested, none of which was considered by the Senate or the President, which he would not dignify with an answer, but Judge Lurton did say that he took this trip upon the invitation of the president of the road, which he accepted if he were allowed to pay his own expenses, which was agreed to and Judge Lurton says it was the most expensive trip he ever made in his life.—Greensboro Record.

There is not much similarity between cotton seed and peanuts, yet our Southern cotton seed is supplanting the peanut all over the world. In the north of Europe, for instance, they have a very popular product called margarin. In Norway, as our consuls inform us,, our cotton seed oil has displaced peanut oil in the manufacture of this article. Formerly peanut oil was used to about the proportion of 25 per cent., and cotton seed oil in the proportion of about 7 per cent. in the making of margarin. Now our cotton seed oil is used in the proportion of 25 and peanut oil in the proportion of about 7. The change is not only considerable in ratio but in actual business; and it reveals one of the fields in which the cotton seed oil of the Southern States is certain to find a large demand and to supply one of the many wants of the world. Our cotton, as Timrod said, feeds the smoke of England mills; and it is becoming more and more clear that cotton seed oil is to supplant the olives, of Spain, Italy, Greece and Corsica, and although for some years yet we may devour it as delightedly as "Lucca" or Nice or Corsica, we know it is coming to be the one great oil of the world.—Columbia State.

The Wilmington Star last Tuesday came to us in five 8-page sections or 40 pages. It was the "Thirty-foot Waterway" edition and showed great enterprise. The boys just gathered up all of the local rays and sent them out into one gigantic blazing Star.—Maxton Scottish Chief.

Probably the forthcoming investigation of charges against Secretary Ballinger did not interfere with the enjoyment of Christmas by a number of United States Senators who have invested in Western lands. The President has as good as intimated that the investigation is in honor of Secretary Ballinger, so if he is vindicated the Senators will not be incriminated.

PRESIDENT TO SUPERVISE.

He Reiterates Former Instructions Against Politics in Census.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—President Taft's ringing address to the census supervisors, from the Eastern States, in conference here, was intended not only for them, but also for all the other supervisors, for the candidates for enumerators' places, the politicians, and the world in general. He said:

"I am very glad to see you. You number about a third of the force upon which we have to rely to take the census. I expressed my opinion about the character of your duties when I wrote a letter to Mr. Durand. I did not write that letter just for the fun of having it published. I wrote it to be a genuine instructions to you, and I hope you will all observe it. I know if you pursue it, it will be an easy course for you. If you don't observe it, then I will observe you. I know, of course, there will be pressure.

"Many of you—most of you—have been recommended by Congressmen and it may be that some of these Congressmen will come to you and expect, because they did recommend you, that you owe them something in the way of selecting the men as enumerators who will help them in their Congressional election. You have got to use sense and discretion. You have got to select the men that you think will do the work, and if you catch them doing political work I wish you to remove them, just as I will remove you if I catch you doing political work. It is business.

"I am not quarreling with the Congressmen. Each man is looking for all the aid he can get to get back into his place, and I am not objecting to the efforts in that direction. But you are the gentlemen that I want to make responsible, through Mr. Durand, for taking this census, and you are the gentlemen I rely upon, and if I can't rely upon you, then I am going to direct Mr. Durand to let me know about it, and I will see if I can not help him out with somebody else.

"I take great pride in this census. I believe we can make it the best census that has been taken, if we take it as a census, and do not use it and regard it as incidental to something else.

"Now, you are not well paid. This is not a business that is going to enrich any one of you; but it is a business that is worth doing well, and I hope it will turn out so that when the census is taken we shall all have pride in the fact that we were a part in taking it, however humble.

"I am glad to meet you, gentlemen. I would be glad to say this same thing to your fellows, but having this opportunity of delivering a little lecture I could not restrain myself from doing so. I mean every word I have said.'

AN OLD TIMER.

Formerly With C. F. & Y. V. Back to Greensboro For Visit.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—An example of a Greensboro boy who has "made good by a large majority," is furnished in the case of Mr. G. O. Smith, of Fitzgerald, Ga., superintendent of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railway, who spent yesterday here with friends, leaving last night for Atlanta to meet an engagement today. Fifteen years ago Mr. Smith was employed in this city as a train dispatcher of the old C. F. & Y. V. Railway, and he was said to have been the youngest train dispatcher in the United States. After the failure of C. F. & Y. V. road, he went to Georgia and linked his fortune with the new A., B. & A. road. He began work with this road in the capacity of a telegraph operator, but his mettle showed itself and he was steadily promoted from one position to another, until soon after he was 30 years of age, he was made superintendent of the road.

"Cam" Smith, as his friends know his, "is a railroad man" just as the good newspaper reporters are known around "the shop" as "newspaper men"—and no higher tribute could be paid.

NEW YORK'S BONDED DEBT

Comptroller Asserts This Now Amounts to Billion Dollars.

New York, Dec. 17.—The bonded debt of New York city has no wreached a total, a mounting to a cool billion dollars, according to report just issued by the comptroller.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisemsnts under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51, A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams but a small charge for strictly A. D. T. calls. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone No. 2. But for advertisements always call the Star office No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

CIGAR SALESMAN—In your locality to represent us. Experience unnecessary; $110 per month and expenses. Write us for particulars. Monarch Cigar Co., St. Louis, Mo. de 26 1t*

WANTED—Partner with about $500 in strictly legitimate well paying local business proposition. Address M. 810 care Star. de 26 1t*

UNREDEEMED diamonds will be displayed in our jewelry window at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. de 18tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

SALESMEN: Specialty, the line you have always been looking for; staple; sells everywhere over and over again; samples light and commissions liberal. National Mercantile Co., Iowa City, Iowa. de 26 1t*

WANTED—Three or four furnished rooms for light housekeeping; must be in good location. Address W., care Star. de 25 3t*

WANTED—An experienced gentleman stenographer and bookkeeper wants position at once. Best references. Address W., Box 463. de 25 2 t*

PRACTICAL TAILORING in all its branches. Formerly located next to A. C. L. Railroad offices. Now in my new stand, 139 Princess street, Smith building, second floor. See my nice line of piece goods at most popular prices. Leger Meyer. de 12 su tf

WANTED—Salesmen of ability and neat appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant side line, convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. de 12 su 16t*

THE SOUTHERN MUTUAL HOME & Real Estate Co. Room 15 Masonic Temple has a proposition to make to everyone who has savings to invest at 5 per cent. or 6 per cent. guaranteed. Also to every one who carries Fraternal or other life insurance because the payments are easy. We can offer you the easy payments and a much safer policy. It will cost you nothing to look into what we offer. oc 3 su 3m

THIS IS TO inform the public that I have opened at the Rock Spring Hotel where they will find better rooms and table fare than before. J. C. Holly, proprietor. de 5 4t su*

WANTED SALESMEN—Cider and phosphate salesmen. Liberal salary or high commissions with $30.00 weekly in advance Red Cross Vinegar Co., St. Louis, Missouri. ju 27 su 52t

LOST MONEY LOUISE In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc., to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7 tf

FOR SALE—Engines. To reduce our stock of machinery before December 31st, we will sacrifice the following: 14x20 inches H. S. & G. and 18x24 inches, Stearns slide valve engines—14x20 Atlas four valve—16 inch and 18x16 inches Ball compound. Greensboro Supply Co., Dept. W., Greensboro, N. C. de 21 6t

PHOTOGRAPHS — Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

QUAL ON TOAST. Lynnhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantials that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any cafe. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, suburban line, etc. Open day and night, Sundays too. no 30 tf

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS—I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from $3.00 to $50.00. I also have a complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M., through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 122 Market street, 'phone 373. de 15 tf

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vafiadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, $10.00 per thousand; $1.25 per hundred, at British schooner Blanche, lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street. J. F. Albury, master. de 17 tf

FOR SALE under foreclosure of mortgage, complete and moderuly equipped pool parlors, tobacco, cold drink and near beer business; best location in Wilmington. Date of sale December 30th, 1909 Kellum & Loughlin, attorneys. de 17 12t

HANOVER B. & L. Association will open its ninth series on January 1st 1910. Books will be open for two weeks beginning with next Saturday and lasting until Saturday, January 8th. Will only sell 500 shares in this series and if you want stock come in early and notify the secretary at Wilder's Real Estate office, No. 207 Princess street and he will be glad to reserve stock for you. No better way to begin the new year. Every dollar saved is a dollar made. John J. Fowler, president; J. W. Yates, vice president; C. D. Weeks, attorney; H. F. Wilder, secretary and treasurer. de 19 tf

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, hides, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns, N. C. Hams a specialty. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. 'Phone 1576. de 12 tf

FOR RENT—That desirable seven-room cottage No. 713 Chesnut street. All modern conveniences. Apply on premises or 315 South Fifth street. de 19 tf

FOR RENT—New, up-to-date apartment, having all the conveniences of a modern home, northeast corner of Fifth and Ann streets. Possession given immediately. Apply to W. G. Whitehead, 'phone 229 or 408. de 19 tf.

WOOD—For good well seasoned wood, call up 146. W. W. Koch Shingle Mills. de 23 1w.

PARLOR CAR SERVICE ON SEABOARD BETWEEN HAMLET AND WILMINGTON.

The Seaboard has re-established Parlor Car Service on their trains Nos. 39 and 40 between Hamlet and Wilmington, effective December 20th. Leave Hamlet 9.05 A. M., arrive Wilmington 1.15 P. M.; returning leave Wilmington 3.20 P. M. arrive Hamlet 7.30 P. M.

C. H. GATTIS,
District Passenger Agent
de 23 tf Raleigh, N. C.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard announces Low Round Trip Christmas and New Year Holiday Rates; tickets will be sold on basis of 80 per cent of Double Local Fares, December 17th-18th-21st-22nd-23rd-25th-31st, 1909, and January 1st, 1910 with Final return limit January 6th.

For further information relative to rates and schedules apply to ticket offices or address the undersigned.

C. H. GATTIS,
District Passenger Agent,
de 8 tf. Raleigh, N. C.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

to all our friends and customers.

We thank you one and all for your contribution to our success during the year that is now closing, and shall be even more grateful for your favors during 1910.

W. B. Cooper,
Importer and Jobber.
de 24 tf.

A Few More Days of Grace!

From now until January 1st, at which date we take stock, we will sell goods cheaper than ever.

While our holiday trade was heavier than ever before, we still have plenty of bright, new, fresh goods with which to supply the requirements of our customers. Our low prices will greatly help out those who have had considerable expense during the holidays.

Call and examine our goods and get our prices if interested.

Remember that these prices are until Jan. 1st, 1910, only. Dollars saved by buying now.

The Wilmington Furniture Co.
Wilmington, N. C.
de 26 10t

WANTED

Men to work in Saw Mills and Logging Woods for

The Waccamaw Lumber Co.
at Bolton and Makatoka, N. C.
de 26 tf

Christmas Goods

Illustrated Books

All the latest novels, books for boys and girls, Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, Eastman's Kodaks and supplies, pictures and all kinds of leather and fancy goods.

Store open every night until Christmas.

Robert C. DeRosset
Phone 26. — 32 N. Front St.
de 19 to ja 1

A Merry Christmas to All Our Friends.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Special Offer!
For Monday Only

Two very handsome sets of Black Lynx Furs sent us on approbation, which we will offer at very close prices rather than return them.

This is your opportunity to procure the handsomest set of Furs ever brought to this city, and Monday is the only day, as these goods will have to be returned at once if not sold.

C. H. Fore & Co.

SPECIAL VALUES FOR CHRISTMAS.

Here's the place and now's the time to meet the size of your pocketbook. We have had made for us especially cigars in boxes of 25-5c for $1.00 per box; 25 10c cigars, $2.00; up to 20c each, or $4.50 per box

Best cigars obtainable at their several prices. Lots of beautiful Xmas presents—Rubber Gloves, Perfumery, etc.

Come here and buy your Xmas goods and vote for the piano. Look at the list of participants:

Miss Lena McKenzie	1,189	Miss Annie Banks	320
Delgado Sunday School	223	Miss Rosa May Furlong	353
Y. M. C. A.	1,040	Miss Lillian Bannerman	2,652
Miss Thelma Fillyaw	785	Brotherhood Railway Clerks.	359
Major Johnson	206	Miss Lydia Davis	240
Miss Fenley, for Hospital	209	Miss Lillian Vaughn	261
Mrs. C. Williams	2,502	W. E. Jays	321
St. John's Sunday School	2,686	Miss Mallie Houston	977
Miss Viola East	311	Fenley Bros.	1,649
D. Hendricks	217	Naval Reserves	206
First Presbyterian S. S.	207		

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.,
Wholesale and Retail Druggists
WILMINGTON, N. C.
de 21 tf

THE Springer Coal CO.

wishes to announce that they are better prepared this season than ever to supply

Coal AND Wood
of the highest grades

Our stocks and our equipment warrant us in promising the public everything they require in our line.

THE SPRINGER COAL COMPANY

"Christmas"
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